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## County tax bills not accurate

Several municipalities report problems

**BY JIMMY LAWTON**  
North Country This Week

Taxpayers in several municipalities have received inaccurate tax bills, but for most taxpayers the issues are minor. Director of Real Property Bruce Green said the issues were a result of staffing issues due to illnesses that led to a variety of errors. Although five of the municipalities have some genuine issues that still need resolution, errors that occurred on bills in Ogdensburg, Brasher, Canton, Potsdam and Rossie, will likely be resolved on the county's end in house and resulted in just over \$2,000 in miscalculations between the six municipalities. Green said that the largest error among those communities was \$700 and the lowest was about five cents. In Morristown, an issue related to charge backs still needs to be resolved. That is true in the town of Pierrepont, where the wrong budget was submitted for calculation, and the Town of Stockholm where issues related to the fire district remain unresolved.

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Photo courtesy of Nicandri Nature Center

## Hiss-terical at the Nature Center

Liam McLear holds a hissing cockroach at the Nicandri Nature Center programs held over the holiday vacation. The hissing cockroaches and millipedes were brought to the center by Her-petology to teach kids about invertebrates.

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## Should Massena school ban cell phones?

Existing policy under review

**BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI**  
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Cell phones in school have proven to be a major issue for numerous school districts, including Massena Central, prompting the Board of Education to revisit the district's policies governing the devices. The District Policy Committee has requested the policy be reviewed, according to Board Member Zachary Monroe. Monroe commented during the Dec. 19 board meeting that the topic has come up multiple times in recent months, including the November Policy Committee meeting. Officials have discussed the impact of cell phones on student learning, socialization and emotional development in many cases. Superintendent Ron Burke recently told NCTW that cell phone usage, and social media in particular, have proven to be a distraction for young people. "There is little doubt that cell phones and social media

**'There is little doubt that cell phones and social media are not only a distraction to our young people but also a contributing factor to their socio-emotional well-being.'**

**Ron Burke**  
Massena superintendent

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## EAS bids include flights to D.C., Philadelphia, Albany and Boston

Boutique, Cape Air, Contour all seek multi-year deals

**BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI**  
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Three airlines are vying for the Essential Air Service contract at Massena International Airport. According to Town Supervisor Sue Bellor, those three airlines include Boutique Air, Contour Airlines and Cape Air. Boutique currently serves the airport with 21-round trip flights to Boston each week, however the airline's current EAS contract expires March 31. In an email to Bellor earlier this week, United States Department of Transportation official Michael Martin said the three airlines had officially submitted their bids following a November 20, 2024 request for proposals. Those proposals can be viewed online at regulations.gov under Massena's docket number, DOT-OST-2012-0163.



be administered through the Alternative Essential Air Service Program. In such cases, payment for the air carrier would be sent through the DOT to the municipality who then remits the payment to the air carrier.

Martin made note that "some proposals may require certain waivers from basic EAS requirements to be selected." He also said that Contour's proposal would be operated as a public charter and, if selected, would need to



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## Sledding season

Noah Stiles, of Lisbon, slides down the hill with friends at St. Lawrence Park, Ogdensburg, on a chilly Sunday afternoon, January 5.

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# Former Ivy Ridge employee arraigned for allegedly murdering ex-roommate

CANTON -- A former Ivy Ridge employee has been arraigned on murder charges.

John Free, who stands accused of murdering former roommate John Barr, has been arraigned in St. Lawrence County Court on murder charges.

Free was indicted last week by a grand jury for the May 2024 murder of Barr, 58, at Barr's residence in Rensselaer Falls.

Details involving the case are limited, and while no motive was shared, the men were reported to be long-time friends.

According to the St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office, Free was arraigned on multiple charges, including murder in the second degree, manslaughter in the first degree and assault in the first degree.

Barr was found dead on May 16 and is alleged to have been struck in the head with blunt objects by Free, according to initial reports.

After Barr was killed, but before the body was discovered, Free was interviewed about his time and actions as an employee at Ivy Ridge for a podcast hosted by two former students.

WWNY-TV also interviewed him in an hour-long program.

Now closed, Ivy Ridge has come under nationwide attention following the release of "The Program: Cons, Cults and Kidnappings" on Netflix, which alleges abuses and atrocities carried out at the Academy at Ivy Ridge between 2001 and 2009.

Free was remanded to the custody of the St. Lawrence County Sheriff without bail.

A pre-trial conference is scheduled for March 7, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

State Police Troops B and D were assisted by the St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office and St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office during the investigation.



Photo courtesy of Nicandri Nature Center

## Shoeing at Nicandri

Youth programs, including free snowshoe and cross country ski lessons, were given over the holiday vacation at Nicandri Nature Center. Here, the Wildings group of ages 5-9 have a snowshoe race Dec. 26. Snow equipment rentals are free and available when the center is open.

## Massena Central capital project still in the works

### HVAC system top priority at high school

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Massena Central School taxpayers will see a capital project on the ballot in May but just how much it will cost is still unknown.

That's because Board of Education members are still weighing the various projects, though Superintendent Ron Burke recently said the maximum cost allowance is \$86.9 million, with a maximum state aid of \$84.3 million.

He said those figures encompass the entire district, including high school, junior high and three elementary buildings.

Burke said there were two factors related to the maximum cost allowance, including actual construction costs and incidental costs.

He explained that actual construction costs include hard costs, such as "anything on the inside of the building, the exterior of the building, the roofs, the windows, the brick work, those types of things."

Incidental costs include elements outside of the building, including site work, parking for job trailers, storage bins and material goods.

Soft costs can also play a role, Burke said. Those include engineering expenses and architectural costs.

Burke said the maximum cost allowance for each building is based on the census of each school. For Jefferson Elementary School, that would be \$10.1 million. Burke said that includes \$8.4 million for construction costs and \$1.7 million for incidentals.

Madison Elementary School has a maximum cost allowance of \$11.5 million, with \$9.5 million for construction and \$2 million for incidentals.

Rounding out the elementary schools is Nightingale, which has a \$12.1 million maximum cost allowance.

A total of \$10 million would be expected for construction, with \$2.1 million for incidentals, Burke said.

For J.W. Leary Junior High School, that figure is much higher at \$17.1 million, with \$13.7 million for construction costs and \$3.4 million for incidentals.

The figures go even higher at the high school, which has a maximum

cost allowance of \$45 million, \$36 million of which is for construction costs and \$9 million for incidentals.

Though each school stands to see significant investment, Burke commented that the high school would likely see the most work.

Burke said despite the high school projects costing so much, the district can only spend up to \$50 million and receive state aid.

"If we go above the maximum cost amount, it's no longer aidable, and we really want to make sure that we're maximizing every aidable dollar from the state of New York and limiting the exposure to our local taxpayers," Burke said.

Despite the possibility of state aid, which stands at 97.4% for capital projects, the district will not receive aid for all aspects of the next capital project.

He commented that certain elements are going to "fully come back on the taxpayer."

Burke commented that the district will not receive "97 cents back" on every dollar spent on the project.

"So, we look at 97%. In my mind, I'm thinking I would be pleased if we can make that no less than 90%," he said.

He said the issues seen last year with a heating pipeline necessitates an upgrade and replacement of the HVAC system in the high school, repairs that could prove very expensive.

"The initial estimate to replace the HVAC system completely and include air conditioning throughout this building was just over \$37 million. It ate up our entire construction cost," Burke said.

He said the district had gone back to the drawing board to work with architects and engineers from King + King to run some numbers and "scale that back."

Burke said the essential work would be completed, ensuring a reliable heating and cooling system would be in place "in some of the major areas." Those areas include the auditorium, cafeteria, gymnasium and media center, he said.

District officials say they will continue to trim away at the project before presenting it to voters prior to May when voters head to the polls to weigh in.

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# County Emergency Services tower funding rolled over after delays

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Multiple Emergency Services communication towers have been planned and approved to be built in the southern portion of the county but delays in construction have forced legislators to roll over grant funding for the projects.

Legislators took action to do so during the Jan. 6 Operations Committee meeting, approving a resolution to sign a one-year extension with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications.

The county previously received \$1,604,582 for the projects, officials said.

Emergency Services Director Matt Denner told legislators the funds come from a formula grant from the state.

"This is a formula grant that gets formulated by the number of 911 calls we take in at our facility," he said.

Denner said he had hoped the funds would be spent down, however multiple delays in 2023 and 2024 meant that the contract extension was required.

"These funds are being used to help with three communication towers," he said.

Denner said the plan is to get the request for proposal portion of the projects done this winter, clearing the way for contractors to begin site preparations this spring.

Officials say the grant allows the state to provide aid to "county, local and municipal public safety organizations in enhancing emergency response, improving capability, improvements in governance structures, operating procedures, infrastructure development, and addressing SAFECOM guidance from the US Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications."

Other funds were previously approved in March 2024 by legislators, as the county accepted \$798,892 for the projects.

The towers are expected to be built in the southern portion of the county, including Star Lake and Cranberry lake, both in the Adirondack Park, in an effort to bolster safety efforts for first responders in those areas.

The funds will not pay for the entire cost of the towers or projects but are meant to help bridge the gap on financing, officials previously said.

Towers built in Hammond and Waddington in 2020 cost over \$750,000 each, Denner said last year.

Denner told legislators that steel for the projects was purchased in Potsdam, with generators for each site also secured locally.

No timeline was discussed for the projects, however legislators previously said the towers would likely take six to nine months to complete once site work was completed.

The extension, which has been approved by the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services runs through Dec. 31, 2025.

## OBITUARIES

### Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Raymo Sweeney, 84

Massena

idays for making her famous date bars.

At one time she worked at the flower shop of her dear friend Nancy Marks.

Many days she could be found spending time in front of her sewing machine making beautiful quilts for family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by sisters, Margaret Shunk, Anet Reed and brothers, Douglas Raymo and David Patrick Raymo.

Surviving in addition to her



Elizabeth Sweeney

husband, Donald Sweeney, are her son, Randy Matthew Sweeney and his wife, Victoria, of NH; daughters, Trina Premo and her husband, Todd, of Massena, Mary Lou Babcock and her partner, David Cappione, of Massena, NY, Mary Jo Armstrong and her husband, Steven, of Blossvale, NY; seven grandchildren, Joshua Premo, Jacob Premo, Ashley (Armstrong) Stocker, Luke Armstrong, Andrew Babcock, Emily Babcock and Richard Sweeney; and six great-grandchildren, Alba, Aria, Harrison, Everly, Brooke and Arthur; one brother, Dawson Raymo and his wife Sharon, of Canandaigua, NY; and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the Nurses and CNAs of the North

Country Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for the care and tenderness given to Elizabeth.

At the family's request, calling hours are private.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday, January 7th at 12:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 212 Main Street Massena, NY. Burial will be held at Calvary Cemetery, Massena NY in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Elizabeth's memory to the Massena Rescue Squad, 341 E Orvis St, Massena, NY 13662 or a charity of your choice.

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

### Thomas Royal Love Sr., 83

Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG -- On January 6, 2025, Thomas Royal Love Sr. passed away in Ogdensburg NY. A funeral service will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Fox & Murray Funeral Home.

Tom was born August 28, 1941, in Gouverneur, NY to Marjorie Grace (Rice) and Donald William Love Sr. He was a sibling to Gloria Strong, Lewis Love, Donna Garwood, Marjorie Countryman, and Rita LaDue, and his brother, Donald Love Jr. whom predeceased him.

He graduated from Gouverneur High School and then enlisted in the United States Army as a Paratrooper and wrote for the Army newspaper.

Tom was a proud member of the AMVETS in Heuvelton, the Elk's in Gouverneur, and the JC's in Syracuse.

Tom married the love of his life, Linda Lee (Dority) Love on September 18, 1965. They shared four children Paula S. Reddick of Philadelphia, NY, Thomas R. Love II of Fowler, NY, Dana L. Love of DePeyster and John T. Love, who predeceased him. They were blessed with eleven grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren.

Tom could often be heard whistling and singing to pass the time.

He also enjoyed dancing, collecting coins, bird watching, going to church and spending time with his family.

It is difficult to sum up a person's life in a few short paragraphs however; the best word to describe Tom was joyful.

He spread joy with his laughter and brightened spirits of all those whom he came in contact with.

He spent numerous hours at his country store in Braise Corners before he retired where he left an impression on all those he came into contact with. Tom will be remembered as a happy and loving man who spent his life providing for his family and serving others.

He will be greatly missed but we rejoice knowing that he's no longer in pain but has found peace in Heaven.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.foxandmurrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.foxandmurrayfuneralhome.com).



Thomas Love Sr.

## RECENT DEATHS

**DANIEL AKINS**, 80, formerly of Lisbon, Dec. 19.

**LURIE O'BRIEN**, 68, Ogdensburg, Dec. 27. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

**JACQUELINE HOURIHAN**, 70, North Lawrence, Dec. 28. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

**LILLIAN SINGLETON**, 89, formerly of Massena, Dec. 30. Arrangements with Allen-Denesha Funeral Home, DeKalb Junction.

**TINA LEAFE**, 66, Louisville, Dec. 30. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

**JOHN BROWN II**, Winthrop/Brasher Falls, Jan. 2. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

**RAYMOND MCDONALD**, 90,

Fort Jackson, Jan. 3. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

**ELIZABETH SWEENEY**, 84, Massena, Jan. 3. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home Massena.

**ALLEN MITCHELL**, 53, Akwesasne, Jan. 4. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

**MICHELE PRENTICE**, 82, Massena, Jan. 4. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

**THOMAS LOVE SR.**, 83, Ogdensburg, Jan. 6. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home Ogdensburg.

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## OBITUARIES

**Lillian H. Singleton, 89**

Massena

MASSENA - Lillian H. Singleton, 89, formerly of Massena, died at her granddaughter's home on December 30, 2024, Allen-Denesha Funeral Home, DeKalb Junction, has been entrusted with arrangements.

There will be no services as per Lillian's wishes. She will be buried in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Louisville at a later date.

Lillian is survived by her children, Debra her husband James Brice of DeKalb Junction, Kathy and her husband Donnie Furnace of Palmetto, FL, Karen Singleton of Massena, Donna and her husband Bill Porter of Norfolk, Walter and his wife Louise Singleton of Massena, Timothy and his wife Kara Singleton of Port St. Lucie, FL, a brother, Franklin Hutt of Norfolk, 13 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by siblings, Leona Simpson, Aileen Rosskamp, Bob Billings, Sonny Billings and Callie Hutt.

Lillian was born on April 6, 1935 in Massena, the daughter of the late Callie and Christie White Hutt. She attended Harrowgate and Massena Central School graduating in 1953. She graduated from Potsdam State Teachers College with a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1957.

She married William Singleton on July 14, 1956, they were blessed with six children, he died on May 25, 2012, after 56 years of marriage. Lillian taught third grade at St.

Lawrence Central School in Brasher Falls until her retirement in 1991.

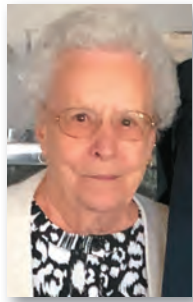
She was a past member of the American Legion Auxiliary #79 Massena, a life member of AMVETS Auxiliary #4 and VFW Auxiliary #1143 Massena. She cherished time with friends, snowmobiling, playing cards, camping and spending time with family.

After retirement she spent her winters in Stuart, Florida where friends gathered for happy hour on the carport.

You never knew what to expect from Lil when everyone gathered. She loved to knit and was an avid reader.

Lil spent many years being the sole caregiver for her husband who suffered from Alzheimer's.

Lillian was a woman of strength and generosity. She would always give more than she ever asked for. She was known for her fried donuts, and they were enjoyed by all that had the chance to eat one. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her honor to Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley or Center for Cancer Care, Potsdam, NY. Online condolences can be made at [www.allendeneshafuneralhome.com](http://www.allendeneshafuneralhome.com).



Lillian Singleton

**Smiley Summers, 65**

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MINOA -- Smiley Summers, age 65, passed away on Wednesday morning, January 1, 2025, at North Country Nursing Home surrounded by his family.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2025, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Phillips Memorial Home, located at 64 Andrews Street in Massena, NY, and on Monday at the family home located at 1972 Fairgrounds Rd, Southwold, ON N0L 2G0, Canada.

Funeral services for Smiley will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at the River Road Longhouse in Oneida with burial to take place at the convenience of the family.

Smiley was born on January 5, 1959, in London, Ontario to Basil and Jean (Ireland) Summers.

He attended schools in Oneida-London, Ontario, later moving state side where he graduated from George Fowler High School and later attended College to study art for a time after starting his family.

Smiley was very active in the art community where is we widely known for his paintings during the NYS Fair in Syracuse.

Smiley also was very active with the Tipi Medicine Society of Akwesasne, and was the beginning of his 30 plus years of peyote ceremonies.

It brought him closer to his spiritual nature. It was such a positive part in his life after getting sober.

A journey that has created many lifelong friends, brothers and sisters.

His participation in those many meetings led to the numerous connections and friendships in that community.

Smiley was also a member of the

Bear Clan and will be missed by all the many people that were able to know him.



Smiley Summers

Smiley is survived by his children; Nicole Summers of Syracuse, NY; Misty Summers of Oswego, NY; Sheyanne Summers of Hogansburg, NY; Cody and Natasha Rupert of Canastota, NY. His siblings, Brant and Jackie Ireland of London, Ontario, Kenneth Summers of Potsdam, NY; Kim and Rick Doxtator of London, Ontario; Desiree Cornelius, Eliza Abrim, and Yeyahtakenhas "Sue" and Scott Doxtator of Oneida. Smiley is also survived by seven grandchildren: Christopher "Caleb" and Cadence Benedict-Summers, Austin DeLany, Kyle Conway, Kaia Rupert, Allysis Rupert and Chrystain Murray, one great-grandchild, Beckham DeLany along with aunts and uncles; Fred, Patrick, Vicki and Barbara Ireland, along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Smiley was predeceased by his sisters, Roseanne Summers, Jackie Doxtator and a brother, Basil "Sonny" Summers Jr.

Memorial contribution may be shared with the Tipi Medicine Society, located at 485 NY-37, Akwesasne, New York, 13655.

Friends and family are encouraged to share online condolences, pictures, artwork and memories of Smiley, by visiting [www.Phillips-Memorial.com](http://www.Phillips-Memorial.com).

MAINE - John J. Page II "Joey" born September 2, 1990, in Houlton, Maine, passed away at SUNY Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, on Monday, December 23, 2024, surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Joey enjoyed fishing, kayaking, hunting, and spending time with his family and friends.

As well, Joey had many passions, some being his dedication and devotion to the U.S Army Reserves; serving for 16 years, which included completing a yearlong tour in Iraq, where he received the Bronze Star Medal along with many other accolades.

Joey was the light in every room. With his bright smile and humor he could always make anyone laugh.

He was a mentor and friend to all he served with, followed with many that looked up to him.

He also enjoyed his profession of tile setting for his step dad, The Tile Guy, and just recently established his own business, Small Town Tile.

**John J. Page II "Joey", 34**

formerly of Upstate New York

Joey is survived by his wife, Casandra Page and their three children, Peyton, John, and Kyra, his mother, Angela Johnson of Hermon, NY, father, John Page of Danforth, ME, step-father, John Bieze of Hermon, NY, sisters, Megan Johnson of Jacksonville, FL, Andrea (Greg) Anderson of



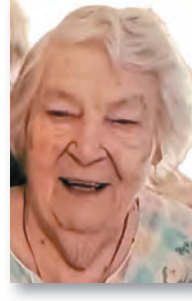
John Page II

Green Cove Springs, FL, Julie Page of Rensselaer, NY, and Faith (Cassie) Page of Seneca Falls, NY, brothers, Keith McCauley of Hermon, NY, and Steven (Krysta) McCauley of Hudson Falls, NY. Also surviving are nephews, Christian King, Conner Clifford, Arturo Terrance, Leif McCauley and Skylar Carlin, nieces, Aliyah Terrance, Jaelyn McCauley, Reanna McCauley, Ava McCauley and Kaylee Kline, his in-laws, Mike

**Janet R. Miller, 93**

Massena

knitting and painting. She proudly sold her handiwork at various craft shows and bazaars. Janet was kind



Janet Miller

and thoughtful and often contributed delicious sweets and casseroles to various charitable causes. She was a talented craft woman, a giving volunteer, a caring neighbor and a devoted wife and loving mother.

Janet is survived by her children, Nancy and Vincent Paganof of Plattsburgh, Allen W. and Joyce Miller of Massena, Jerry T. and Susan Miller of Oswego, and Danny W. Miller of Massena; her

(Cathy) Beckstead of De Kalb, NY, Tara Beckstead of Ogdensburg, NY and Roxanne (Sean) Johnson of Hermon, NY, maternal grandparents, Mary Yolton and Charlie Swarts of Lisbon, NY, along with many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins.

Donations in his memory can be made to Mission 22, 694 N Larch St. #910; Sisters, OR 97759 or online at [www.mission22.com](http://www.mission22.com).

Memorial services for family and Military Comrades of John J. "Joey" Page will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at the O'Leary Funeral Home, Canton from 11:00 am until 2:00pm.

A Celebration of Life will follow the service at the Elks Lodge, 322 Caroline Street, Ogdensburg. All are welcome.

Memories and condolences may be shared with Joey's family online at [www.olearyfuneralservice.com](http://www.olearyfuneralservice.com).

Arrangements for John J. "Joey" Page are under the care of the O'Leary Funeral Service of Canton.

grandchildren, Allen W. Miller, Jr., Tamara Miller, Michele Miller, and Keshie Miller; 3 great grandchildren, Caleb, Hunter and Carolyn; her sister, Joy Wake of Syracuse; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her siblings, Allen, Lucille, Joyce, and Ellen.

There will be no services at this time. A graveside service will be held in the late spring at Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Salvation Army.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, where friends may share memories and offer condolences online at [www.donaldsonfh.com](http://www.donaldsonfh.com).

**Steven C. Van Ness, 74**

Potsdam

in Gaithersburg, Md., Chicago and LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

He never lost his interest in politics, maintaining an encyclopedic knowledge of important races on both the local and national level.

In 1990, Steve migrated to Largo, Florida where he became a loving caretaker to his mother, and later, her older



Steven Van Ness

sister.

They were lucky to have him. In addition to reviving classic family recipes, he also was an accomplished gardener, creating beautiful flower beds wherever he lived.

His Florida home has exotic frangipani trees, now blooming, and a towering privacy wall grown entirely of norfolk pines, his nod to the North Country.

A cancer survivor, Steve volunteered at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Fla. for several years, earning numerous awards for his service and making lifelong friends there.

He was an avid reader, including his daily NY Times and crossword puzzle.

He surrounded himself with art, from Frida Kahlo to Gustav Klimt, and local artist Robert Plumb.

POTSDAM - Steven C. Van Ness, age 74, peacefully passed away from complications of Parkinson's Disease on December 15th, 2024, at Sable Palms Health & Rehabilitation Center, Largo, Florida.

Growing up in Potsdam, NY, Steve enjoyed winter snow skiing at Big Tupper, and summer boating and water skiing at Sunset Lodge, the family camp on Higley Flow.

Many of his friends still recall magical summer days and nights there, featuring Steve's home-cooked food, great music, and after several libations, death-defying jumps from the deck to the river.

At 6'2", Steve was a varsity cross country runner (coached by Bill Lewis) and lifelong long distance walker.

At Potsdam High School, he was the founding editor of The Bark, an alternative newspaper.

In 1972, Steve graduated from Union College, Schenectady, NY, with a B.A. in history, he returned to the North Country to pursue his passion for politics.

He began his career by working for NY State Assemblyman Dan Haley, who became a mentor and friend.

At age 26, Steve was appointed Chairman of the SLC Democratic Party, serving for several years.

After losing an election for County Clerk, he sought his fortunes elsewhere, including several executive positions with Insurance providers

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# Forsythe will serve third consecutive term as county chairman

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County Legislator David Forsythe, R-Lisbon, has been named chairman for the third consecutive year, beating out Legislator Nicole Terminelli in a party line vote.

"Thank you all that supported me and those that didn't, I understand how it works. It's very much appreciated," Forsythe said following his election on Jan. 2.

## County accomplishments

In his time as chairman, the county has completed renovations to the old county jail to the tune of \$1 million, along with a \$7.5 million renovation project to the public safety building.

Forsythe said that the project should be completed this spring.

He touted the county's increased efforts in paving more roads and the purchase of Harrowgate Commons in Massena at an expense of \$900,000. He said the move will pay for itself in five years, with rent for three departments being eliminated by the move.

Blighted properties continue to be a focal point of the county, with the county recently completing work on the 100th blighted property cleanup.

Forsythe credited county officials and employees for their work, commenting that most of the properties are now back on the tax rolls or due to be back on the tax rolls in the near future.

The adopted budget for 2025 also marked the lowest tax rate since 1983, an accomplishment Forsythe said was a testament to the hard work of the entire legislature and department heads.

Two union contracts have also been finalized, with a third tentatively ready to be finalized and a fourth still pending.

He commented that he and the legislature sought to be "fair to employees while being fiscally responsible to taxpayers."

"I think we've done both (with the contracts). I want to thank the negotiating team. They weren't always the easiest negotiations as they usually aren't but to me they were successful," he said.

Contaminated parcels in the city of Ogdensburg will now be addressed by the county as well, returning prime riverfront property to the tax rolls.

Forsythe said the projects are "near and dear" to him and Legislator Jim Reagen.

"These properties will be, when completed, some of the most valuable properties in St. Lawrence County. I look forward to the day when something is constructed on the St. Lawrence River again," Forsythe said.

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## Border issues

Forsythe turned an eye to what he said was a larger problem, calling on the legislature to address the northern border migrant crisis.

"What we as a board would like to do is work closely with the Trump administration and local law enforcement and take back the northern border," he said.

Forsythe said many residents do not know what is going on or the extent of the issues at the border.

He said numerous illegal migrants have entered the country through the northern border, something the legislature plans to address.

## Credit to staff

He also took a moment to thank the numerous county employees who "keep things moving in the right direction."

"I would be remiss to not acknowledge all of our employees, as well as our department heads, our county administrator, as well as our county attorney. Without all of your efforts none of these accomplishments would happen, so thank you for all of you do," he said.

Forsythe said it was a bittersweet moment as he marked the planned retirement of Kelly Bigwarfe, deputy clerk to the legislator.

"I want to wish you the best in your retirement, you will be missed by this board. Thank you for all of your years of service," he said.

Forsythe also called on future generations to get involved in politics as well.

"Once again, I encourage anyone interested in running for legislator to please step forward. Many people will sit there and act as Monday quarterbacks, they'll throw stones, they'll say this, they'll say that. The first thing I say is step up and do it. Don't stand on the sidelines, get in the game, run for chair, run for legislator, run for something, run for town board," he said.

"Step forward and get into this game, it's your future as well as ours."

He noted the wide range of backgrounds of current legislators, saying it is those experiences that make the legislature a well rounded governing body.

"We as a legislative group come from a wide range of backgrounds and life experiences. I do not believe anyone on this board is here for the money or for the notoriety. I believe the success and stability of this county is what brings us together and I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your contributions. Now, with that being said, let's get to work," Forsythe concluded.



Photo submitted by Marcia Olney

Members of the Raquette Valley Girl Scout troop at the kick-off of the annual cookie sale and a public service project.

# Girl Scouts kick off cookie sale in Norwood

Raquette Valley Girl Scouts recently kicked off the 2025 Cookie Sale on Jan. 3 at an event held in Norwood.

The troops from five of the Northern area Service Units attended the kick off and participated in the service project.

Scouts from International Rapids, Oswegatchie, Piquet, Nikentsiaki, and Raquette Valley filled duffle bags

donated by the SLC Youth Bureau with various comfort and necessities items to be passed on to children in the SLV Youth Advocate Program.

The scouts will begin selling cookies on Jan. 9.

To get them excited about the upcoming sale they celebrated at the kick off with pizza and sundaes created with all kinds of GS Cookies.

# Ogdensburg adds Dilcox as acting city assessor

## New assessor worked for Potsdam previously

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- The city's search for a new assessor has ended as LaChelle Dilcox took the helm Monday, according to City Manager Fonda Chronis.

LaChelle is not certified but will serve as acting assessor until she has the required time for certification, according to Chronis.

Her salary will start at \$60,000.

The city has seen a significant turnover in several departments in recent months, but has received some good news lately.

At one point the city was set to be searching for an assessor, code enforcer and planner at the same time, however the code officer rescinded a resignation and Dilcox will fill the assessor role.

Chronis said there have been

interviews for the city planner position, but no offer has been extended at this point.

Dilcox comes to Ogdensburg with some experience. She served as the assessor in the town of Potsdam, from January 2023 until May of the same year.

In an interview with North Country This Week Dilcox said the decision came after she tried to sort out an issue involving assessment errors that pre-dated her.

Dilcox was told by then Town Supervisor Ann Carvill that she wasn't a "good fit."

However, the issues raised by Dilcox appear to have been legitimate and were not openly disputed by Diane Mitchell, who replaced Dilcox as Potsdam's assessor.

# Two women charged with stealing from Walmart

MASSENA -- Two Massena women was issued appearance tickets following petit larceny complaints at Walmart.

Massena Police say Melissa LaValley, 37, was charged at 8 p.m. on Dec. 27 after police received a complaint regarding a petit larceny

incident. LaValley was ticketed and released.

Another Massena woman, Wendy King-Lafrance, 59, was charged with criminal trespass and petit larceny on Dec. 29 at Walmart.

She was issued an appearance ticket.

## BRIEFLY

### Wanted man

MASSENA -- State Police are requesting the public's assistance in locating Marcus A. Shatraw, age 34, of Massena. Shatraw is wanted out of the Town of Stockholm for assault 3rd and criminal trespass 2nd. Shatraw is approximately 5'8" tall, weighs 160 pounds and has white and brown hair and blue eyes. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to contact SP Massena by calling 315-379-0012. See photo at <https://bit.ly/4gHirA2>.

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# Hogansburg man faces more than five years in prison for drugs and firearms crimes

HOGANSBURG -- A Hogansburg man has been sentenced to more than five years in federal prison for federal drug and firearm crimes.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice Northern District, Joseph Thompson, 38, was sentenced on Dec. 19, 2024 to 66 months in federal prison for possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance and possession of firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

The announcement comes from United States Attorney Carla B. Freedman and Bryan Miller, Special Agent in Charge of the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), New York Field Division.

As part of the guilty plea, Thompson admitted that in June 2023 he arranged to meet another individual at a parking lot in Massena for the

purpose of selling marijuana in exchange for firearms.

According to the statement, Thompson admitted he exchanged 18 pounds of marijuana for seven semi-auto pistols and magazines.

He was arrested immediately after the transaction.

Thompson was also ordered to serve three years of supervised release following his release from prison.

ATF investigated the case, with assistance from Quebec Provincial Police, St. Regis Tribal Police, New York State Police, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, Massena Police Department, and U.S. Bureau of Industry and Security. Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew J. McCrobie prosecuted the case.



# Massena Fire Department anticipating vacancy on career staff in May

## Civil Service exam open for career firefighter applicants

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- A civil service exam has been announced for a fire driver and firefighter position after a Massena firefighter announced intentions to retire in early 2025.

Massena fire officials posted about the exam recently, noting it will be given March 1, 2025.

The deadline to sign up will be January 15, 2025.

"Come join the greatest career in the world! This is a great opportunity for those looking for a rewarding career while being able to serve our community," Village of Massena Permanent Firefighters IAFF Local 2220 wrote online.

The announcement of the Civil Service exam comes less than two months after village of Massena trustees approved canvassing to fill a career driver-firefighter position pending two retirements in 2025.

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

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

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

"We've reached out to the Fire Academy. It looks like the New York State EMTB, which is now a job requirement down at the academy, starts around the second week of January. That's about a month. In mid-February 2025 the recruit firefighter training class starts, and that goes until May 22, 2025," he said.

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

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

"It's a balancing act for the timeline. If we choose to do it now, at

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

Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent education level, be in possession of a valid New York State driver's license and must attend and pass the New York State Fire Academy within 18 months of appointment.

Upon hiring, completion of a New York State Medical Technician-Basic course must be completed along with a New York State Code Enforcement Officer training course.

Starting salary is \$40,098 with medical, dental and vision benefits.

To sign up for the exam, visit the St. Lawrence County Civil Service website at [stlawco.gov/Departments/HumanResources/Exam-Schedule](http://stlawco.gov/Departments/HumanResources/Exam-Schedule)

Cost for the exam is \$17.50.

For any questions, contact the fire department by calling (315) 769-2380 or email [massenafd@gmail.com](mailto:massenafd@gmail.com).



NCNow photo

## Hitting the slopes in Ogdensburg

Scylar McGuire, of Ogdensburg, slides down the hill with friends at St. Lawrence Park, Ogdensburg, on a chilly Sunday afternoon, January 5.

## SLC Sheriff sees financial hit with deer strikes, moves funds to cover repairs

### Saved \$21,000 on electrical project at jail

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Two accidents involving deer strikes have caused the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office to go over budget in a handful of accounts as 2024 drew to a close.

Sheriff Rick Engle said two significant car repairs, coupled with extra fuel charges, postage fees from the Civil Service and travel expenses due to training throughout the year.

"We had two unexpected accidents involving deer this year. We all know the cost of repairing cars today is pretty high," Engle told legislators.

He said the resolution for a budget modification was necessitated by those expenses, however cost savings in other areas helped offset the expenses, he said.

For fiscal year 2024, the Sheriff's Office had budgeted \$50,000 to replace cameras on the exterior of the county jail, with an additional \$21,000 budgeted to run new electrical conduit and wires related to the project.

Engle said the figure seemed too high to him, so he took matters into his own hands, literally.

"It seemed a little high to me so I went out and pulled the call boxes off myself and found the conduit wasn't crushed, and we saved

\$21,000," he said.

Those funds were then made available to cover the various other expenses incurred by the department, he said.

He said the department also received outside funding through housing inmates from outside the county, along with transportation reimbursement for driving inmates to state facilities.

Revenue from county inmate housing alone increased revenues by \$28,771, according to the resolution.

Reimbursement for salary expense total \$11,156 as well. In total, revenue increases in the budget modification totaled \$52,793.

As part of the modification appropriations for jail technical equipment was decreased by \$21,390, while the jail uniforms and equipment account was decreased by \$4,317.

To cover the extra expenses, appropriations were increased \$17,500 to cover the cost of vehicle repairs, while appropriations for fuel charges were increased \$48,000.

Travel expense appropriations were increased \$8,500, while postage increased \$4,500. Total appropriation increases came in at \$78,500. Engle said the vehicles have been repaired and are back in service, with a full fleet of Sheriff's vehicles currently in service.





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### BRIEFLY

#### Not caring for dogs

MASSENA -- Three Massena residents were charged with failing to provide adequate shelter for dogs on Dec. 22. Massena Police say Charles R. Murdie, 44, Amanda K. Swiger, 42, and David J. Dodge, 49, were all charged under Ag and Market laws with failure to provide appropriate shelter for dogs.

#### Conspiracy charges

MASSENA -- Massena Police have charged two Ogdensburg residents with conspiracy. Police say William Anderson, 44, and Rauchell Laporte, 31, were both charged on Dec. 20, 2024 with Conspiracy 4th. Both were issued appearance tickets.



# Local hockey stars sign branding deals with North Country Savings

Deal allows the students to benefit from their name, image and likeness without losing amateur status

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Four local athletes are benefiting from a 2021 NCAA policy change that allows college athletes to receive financial benefits for the name, image and likeness (NIL) without losing their amateur status.

The North Country Savings Bank has partnered with Kennedy Wilson and Kennedy Emerson from the St. Lawrence University Women's Hockey team, Will Arquiatt from the St. Lawrence University Men's Hockey team, and Carter Rose from the Clarkson University Men's Hockey to be "Brand Ambassadors."

This sponsorship agreement marks the first major NIL deals for student-athletes at both St. Lawrence University and Clarkson University and is part of North Country Savings Bank's commitment to supporting local talent and celebrating the hard work, determination, and success these student-athletes have achieved in their careers, officials say.

### Carter Rose

Brasher Falls native Carter Rose, who is in his second season with the Golden Knights, was first announced as a brand partner in early December 2024.

The 2023-24 Rookie of the Year is known as a hard-hitting defenseman who has quickly become a crowd favorite at Cheel Arena.

Rose has played in 20 career games thus far, scoring his first career goal against Brown Jan. 20, 2023.



Rose

### Will Arquiatt

St. Lawrence University senior Will Arquiatt, another Brasher Falls native, has also signed an agreement with North Country Savings Bank to be a brand ambassador.



Arquiatt

The North Country native has played in 70 games so far in his collegiate career, scoring five goals while assisting on five

others.

The speedy 5'9" forward attended

## New self-serve used bookstore opens Jan. 8

OGDENSBURG — Friends of Ogdensburg Public Library have launched a new self-serve model for its used bookstore, starting on Jan. 8.

Patrons can now shop for gently used books and other media any time the Library is open, with the convenience of helping themselves to the bargains and paying for their selections at the front desk.

The used bookstore, located in the basement of the Library, has long been a popular destination for book lovers looking for great reads at affordable prices.

The self-serve model makes it easier for patrons to find books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles without needing to wait for specific hours or Friends' assistance.

Simply stop by, browse, pay at the front desk, and take home your favorites.

St. Lawrence Central before entering Northwood School where he was also on the Dean's list.

### Kennedy Emerson

NCSB recently announced a third endorsement deal with another North Country native as well, with Kennedy Emerson signing on.

A sophomore defenseman at St. Lawrence University, Emerson is a Potsdam native who appeared in all 39 games during her freshman season at SLU.

Described as a consistent anchor for the team's defense, Emerson blocked 21 shots and notched a goal and an assist in her first season with the Saints.

She attended Potsdam High School prior to her time at St. Lawrence, playing hockey, soccer and



Emerson

lacrosse.

She also played for the Nepean Jr. Wildcats, where she was an assistant captain as well.

### Kennedy Wilson

Junior forward Kennedy Wilson was also named as a brand ambassador recently.

The Hannawa Falls native has put up 24 points in 99 career games at St. Lawrence University.

In each of her first two years, Wilson suited up in 39 games.

During her freshman year she picked up two goals and seven assists, including one game winning goal.

The ECAC Hockey All-Academic Team member also blocked 86 shots during her first two seasons.



Wilson

### Exceptional athletes

NCSB officials say the four athletes are "four exceptional local student-athletes who have demonstrated the spirit of North Country pride and dedication."

"Here in the North Country, we value resilience, dedication, and community—qualities embodied by these student-athletes," said R. Brian Coakley, President & CEO of North Country Savings Bank. "We are thrilled to partner with these talented individuals who not only excel on the ice but also represent the ideals of our community. They inspire us all with their commitment to excellence, and we look forward to supporting them as they continue to pursue their athletic and academic goals."

### What is NIL?

After years of lobbying and multiple lawsuits the NCAA was forced into allowing collegiate athletes to

profit from their name, image and likeness through personal brands and endorsements.

The NIL deal allows college athletes to earn money without violating their amateur status.

In addition to promoting the bank through various platforms, the student-athletes will participate in autograph sessions and other initiatives.

To kick off the partnership, North Country Savings Bank will host an autograph session at Pine Street Arena in Potsdam, on Jan. 8, 2025, from 6-8 p.m. that will coincide with the Boys Varsity Hockey contest between Potsdam and Canton, which begins at 7 p.m.. Fans are invited to meet Kennedy Emerson, Kennedy Wilson, and Will Arquiatt while receiving an autograph on either an item of their own or a photograph provided by North Country Savings Bank, limit one item per person.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### What leftists have delivered

There should be no lack of clarity on what leftist administrations, including Biden, have represented to US citizens. The people of Canada are just as fed-up with leftist policies of Trudeau's administration. It isn't going to stop with the US and Canada. It is happening in Europe as well.

My view has always been that a politician is the worst form of human. They are all owned (Republicans, Democrats and Independents) by special interests and big business. One party preference over the other misses the point. The US citizen has not been in control of our country since the civil war.

Recently, however, the leftist elites have inflicted such pain and anguish on its people, there is an awakening and rejection of leftist policies. The following is a small list of what leftists have delivered to the people of Canada, the US and many other countries.

Covid lockdowns, Covid vaccine mandates, unfettered immigration, cronyism and government corruption, inflation, out-of-control government spending, falling real wages, endless war-mongering, imposition of LGBT and transexual agendas, racism against native populations, widening wealth disparities, attacks on traditional western values and Christianity, political correctness, widespread censorship, demonization and cancellation of those seeking redress of rightful grievance, weaponization of govern-

ment against dissenters.

Endless government agencies, divisions and departments are full of inefficient, irresponsible, unaccountable, self-fulfilling and self-sustaining bureaucrats who are parasites on US taxpayers. Politicians have brought a stage-four cancerous government to US citizens. Money and control were behind the COVID scam and still is. Do you really believe the healthcare industry wants to cure cancer? Gender affirming surgery on children is about new revenue streams.

Republicans and Independents are in the same category. However, there is mass rejection of what the leftists have delivered to their people. Something else is going on. Many people feel Biden is sabotaging Trump with actions taken as he leaves office. I think his actions are retribution for being backstabbed by his own cruel, elitist, leftist party. His actions are intended on showing US citizens exactly who the leftists are and have been doing since 2008. Biden's recent actions drive a wooden stake further into the heart of leftist ideology and policies. He is trying to destroy leftists for at least a generation, maybe longer. And, rightfully so. They installed him, used him and discarded him when they had no more use for him.

**Jeff Musante  
Massena**

### In response to recent letter

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly respond to Ms. Hodges recent submission ["We're not all in this together - published in the Jan. 4-10 Massena-Ogdensburg edition] and do a bit of record correcting, since she brought up my name specifically. Contrary to Ms. Hodges' con-

**'I'm on record multiple times within this publication and others that I'm not a MAGA or a Trumper. I didn't vote for the guy.'**

**Leland Farnsworth  
Massena**

attention, I never "asserted that Trump won because he 'listened' to Voters". What I had actually argued was that Trump won because the majority of hurting voters felt that they had at least been listened to.

There is a difference.

I'm also going to give Ms. Hodges the benefit of the doubt in that her very next statement after bringing up my name and misquoting me, was to bring up "Neuroscientific Studies" confirming "Hitler's brain-washing propaganda to demonize Jewish people" was not directed towards me personally, because that would certainly not be appropriate or correct in any context.

I'm on record multiple times within this publication and others that I'm not a MAGA or a Trumper. I didn't vote for the guy.

I would also submit that while I have often enjoyed reading Ms. Hodges' submissions, and concur with many points she has brought up in some of them, that her latest submission has me completely dumbfounded. It's just completely all over the map.

Which is sort of, if one would

indulge, reinforcing a point that I actually did make in my last submission. This is what many voters, whether Ms. Hodges would care to agree with or not, are considering as being spoken down to.

Being ideologically captured is not useful or productive, regardless of where it comes from.

Although I happen to not be a registered Democrat, I am not so naïve enough to think that no good ideas or policies have ever come from them.

But I would submit what good are those ideas and policies if one does not actually get elected first?

I tried to point out in my last submission multiple reasons why I believed that the Democratic Party perhaps failed to net the

win in 2024 for consideration. Ms. Hodges may either take them or leave them. The sun is going to rise tomorrow either way.

Demonizing a candidate, opposing political party, or its voters writ-large, is not going to be enough to net one an election win on the national stage.

**Leland Farnsworth  
Massena**

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### Bird feeding top winter activity



- Bird feeding: 33%
- Ice fishing: 9%
- Snowshoeing: 9%
- Skiing, snowboarding: 7%
- Sledding, tubing: 3%
- Building snowmen, forts, snowball fights: 3%
- Hiking, walking: 18%
- Stargazing: 9%
- Snowmobiling: 7%
- Skating: 3%

Debbie Morgan | NCTW

Last week's question  
**Which of the following outdoor winter activities do you plan to participate in this winter?**

**WHICH OF THE** following outdoor winter activities do you plan to participate in this winter?

residents can attend football, basketball, soccer and hockey games, among others. How often do you attend a local college athletic contest?

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:** St. Lawrence County is home to four colleges which offer a variety of sports. Local

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Pictured is Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center Auxiliary's Manager Ramona Kennedy, on the left, accepting the donation from Rena Rolfe.

## For 18th year, new bears, stuffed animals donated by Friends of CHMC Auxiliary

OGDENSBURG — Friends of Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center Auxiliary donated to the auxiliary's "Bring A Bear to Show You Care Program"

Some were hand-crocheted by Candy Murdock.

The program is in its 18th year, having started in 2006.

The Auxiliary accepts donations of new bears and new stuffed animals only.

To make a donation, send them from Amazon Prime to CHMC Auxiliary Bring A Bear To Show You Care 214 King St Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Visit here to donate: [bit.ly/3W6ToEg](https://bit.ly/3W6ToEg)

If you prefer shopping local, drop off stuffed animals

to the front desk of the hospital with attention to Ramona Kennedy.

Many also purchase stuffed animals in the CHMC Auxiliary Gift Shop and tell the volunteer to donate to the Auxiliary.

These donated bears/stuffed animals are given to pediatric patients when they come in for a procedure, or a hospital stay. It truly brings a smile to the Child's face when someone walks in with a new cuddly friend for them to hold.

For more information on becoming a member of the CHMC Auxiliary, contact Ramona Kennedy at 315-393-1559 or [rkennedy@chmed.org](mailto:rkennedy@chmed.org)

## Pearson appointed to Ogdensburg Board of Ethics; adds to city-related duties

OGDENSBURG — Laura Pearson, Ogdensburg Community Coordinator & Business Development Specialist for the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, has been appointed to the City of Ogdensburg's newly formed Board of Ethics.

Other appointed board members are Cathy Jock, City Clerk, Angela McRoberts, Ogdensburg City School Board Member, John Pinkerton, former City Manager, and Thomas Pinkerton, Kennedy School Teacher.

The Board of Ethics has been formed to ensure that the City code of ethics is followed and to offer

advisory opinions to officers and employees of the City with respect to the Code of Ethics and amendments thereto. The newly appointed board will meet in January to establish bylaws.

The appointment of Pearson to the Board of Ethics adds to the several other community and economic development entities and programs that she contributes to: Pearson is also Secretary of the Ogdensburg Growth Fund and member of its Board and Governance Committee; Secretary of the Ogdensburg Land Bank and member of its Board and Finance and Governance Commit-

tees; Member of the Ogdensburg History Museum Board as Chair of its Membership Committee and member of the Finance and Annual Fund Committees; and a member of the Board of the Friends of the Ogdensburg Library, as well as its Membership and Book Lover's Celebration committees. Through these initiatives, Pearson and the County Chamber actively advocate on behalf of their members and the greater community; contributing to a vibrant business climate that encourages growth and enhances the unique quality of life in St. Lawrence County.

## Frary Funeral home buys Gouverneur business

OGDENSBURG -- Frary Funeral Home & Cremation Services has purchased Green Funeral Home, 33 Park St. in Gouverneur

Both businesses have deep-rooted histories as multi-generational family businesses, committed to serving the community.

"Under the dedicated leadership of Wesley McGill, a former funeral director of Green Funeral Home and a current director at Frary's since October 2021, this new chapter brings not only continuity but also exciting, innovative changes aimed at enhancing the personal-

ized experience we provide to the families we serve," according to a press release from Frary Funeral Home.

Wes, born in Gouverneur and raised in Edwards, graduated from Edwards-Knox Central School before moving back to Gouverneur after high school.

He began working at a local funeral home while attending SUNY Canton for mortuary science, where he developed a deep passion for helping families through some of their most difficult moments.

"With Wes's guidance, Frary

Funeral Home looks forward to continuing its tradition of excellence while offering fresh, thoughtful solutions to meet the evolving needs of our community," the release said.

Additionally, Austin Heatherly, a current mortuary science student who resides in Gouverneur with his wife, will assist Wes with funerals and various tasks.

Any individuals who have pre-funded their funeral arrangements with Green Funeral Home will have their plans honored and remain in place under our care.

## Potsdam Birth House expanding its operation

BY MATT LINDSEY

North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The region's sole "community" midwife is expanding Potsdam Birth House to meet the needs of growing families.

Sunday Smith has been the sole "community" midwife in several counties: St. Lawrence, Franklin, Lewis, Jefferson, Clinton, Hamilton, and Essex since she moved here in August of 2017.

"The volume in my practice continues to grow, because there is a large component of low-risk healthy birthing people in this area," Smith said. "Many of those families desire a more autonomous experience, so they choose community care rather than hospital/clinic-based care. It's not that one is better, just different."

To meet the increased need in the North County, Bonnie Ledford, CNM, will join the Potsdam Birth House, 121 Market St., as the newest midwife. The birth center opened in January of 2021.

"The number of patients I'm serving in a month has grown to the point of saturation for a single provider, so Bonnie is a recent add-on," Smith said.

Ledford comes from the Southern Tier, has over 25 years of experience in women's health, community health and hospice care with midwifery as

her lifelong dream.

Ledford has been married to her husband Gabe, an EMS pilot with Mercy Flight, for 27 years, and they have four children ages 24, 21, 17 and 12.

Ledford will be providing the same holistic, family-centered care that Smith has been providing.

For expecting parents, it is all about choices.

"Sometimes it's a matter of wanting a different experience than they had for a previous birth," Smith said. "Sometimes they didn't know this different kind of care was available when they were pregnant the first time, and sometimes it's just a patient who knows they're not sick ... they're just having a baby, so they don't need a hospital."

The birth center has a variety of amenities including an oversize birth tub, a large spa-like shower, and many laboring tools such as multiple birth stools, yoga and peanut balls, microwavable hot packs, and other physiological props.

There is a porch attached to the main floor birth suite, and families may walk the large yard at leisure. A full kitchen is available with an ice machine, coffee, tea, snacks, beverages, and delicious frozen meals from local caterer Big Spoon Kitchen.

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**AIRLINES...**

Under the Essential Air Service (EAS) Program provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation, subsidies are sent directly to the contracted airline from the DOT.

With the proposals in, it's now up to the community to review them and weigh in, with final comments due by Friday, January 24, 2025.

Once complete, the DOT will consider the comments by the town board and community before making a final decision.

The effective start date for the contract will be April 1, 2025.

**Boutique Air proposal**

Under Boutique's proposal, the airline will use Pilatus PC-12 aircraft with 8 or 9 passenger seat configurations. The aircraft have leather seats, pressurized cabins, power outlets, an enclosed lavatory and refreshments on each flight.

The proposal call for a two, three or four year contract duration, with a 5% subsidy increase in year two and 3% increases in years three and four.

Boutique would continue its current service from Massena to Boston Logan International Airport 21 times per week, according to the proposal.

Boutique boasts a 98% controllable flight completion rate overall,

with a 99.82% controllable completion rate over nearly 5,000 scheduled flights in the last 12 months, according to the proposal.

The airline has also worked to develop "effective marketing distribution channels with a reservation system that connects to all primary Global Distribution Systems (GDSs), allowing travel agents access to our flight inventory."

Boutique can also be found on major Online Travel Agencies (OTAs), including Expedia, Travelocity, Priceline, and Orbitz.

Officials say they also have an interline agreement with American Airlines as of August. 7, 2019 which allows passengers to book flights through United.com and AA.com to connect will any United or American flight.

**Cape Air proposal**

Cape Air has proposed using Tecnam Traveller aircraft, which are twin engine craft that have potential seating for nine passengers.

The aircraft have Italian leather seats, air conditioning, LED lighting and USB ports, officials say.

Cape Air officials say the aircraft were purpose-built by Cape Air with Tecnam, the first new purpose-designed computer aircraft in 40 years.

Cape Air officials say the airline had a controllable completion rate of 99.3% in 2024, a figure that was relatively steady throughout the entire year, according to the proposal.

Connecting flights with the aforementioned airlines is also available through their websites as well, Cape Air officials said.

While Boutique would offer 21 flights weekly to Boston, Cape Air offered three options:

- 21 weekly non-stop round trip

flights to Boston Logan

- "Growth option" of 21 flights to Boston, seven additional non-stop round trip flights to Albany

- "Blended option" of 14 weekly flights to Boston and seven weekly round trips to Boston via Albany

Officials say they intend to spend \$75,000 annual marketing the Massena service through traditional mediums like print, radio, television and streaming, along with local advertising, targeted SEM and SEO, digital display ads, Chamber of Commerce memberships and sponsorships, influencer marketing and local contests and trip giveaways.

Subsidy rates for the Boston proposal would be \$5,615,014 in year one and \$5,923,840 in year two. Under a four-year contract the rates would be \$5,544,826 in year one, \$5,849,792 in year two, \$6,171,530 in year three and \$6,510,965 in year four.

Cape Air officials noted in their proposal that the preferred plan would be under a four year contract.

Under option B, which would include 21 flights to Boston and seven to Albany, those rates would be much higher.

**Contour Airlines proposal**

After losing out on a contract with the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority to continue flights from the airport, Contour Airlines is now pivoting to Massena.

Contour officials said with the regional aircraft in service their controllable completion rate on flights was 96% in 2023.

Multiple interline agreements would also allow passengers to link up their flights with American Airlines, United and Alaska Airlines.

Contour officials say they struck an interline partnership with Alaska Airlines in April 2024 and Unit-

ed Airlines in Dec. 2024.

Officials other added benefits would include a complimentary checked bag and rates as low as \$39 each way on discounted flights.

The proposal calls for two potential options:

- 12 weekly round-trip flights to Philadelphia International Airport
- 12 weekly round-trip flights to Dulles International Airport in Washington, DC

**ERRORS...**

There are also errors related to the Norwood Village Library District which includes the towns of Stockholm, Potsdam and the Village of Norwood in Potsdam.

Green said that the county is working closely with municipalities involved and expects resolutions to be hashed out in the coming days.

"We are discussing what those options will be and expect a plan to be forthcoming," he said.

Issues were first reported in Ogdensburg where tax bills were issued by the county with the correct amount due, but had problems in other areas.

In Pierrepont tax bills included errors made by the county and officials advised all taxpayers not to pay them at this time.

"Due to errors found in the town and county property tax bills issued by St. Lawrence County to Town of Pierrepont residents, new tax bills will be issued to Pierrepont residents. Pierrepont residents should wait until they receive a new revised tax bill before making payment. Some residents have already paid their tax bill, and discussions are ongoing as to how to remedy any corrections needed in their tax amount due," a statement from Pierrepont officials issued Tuesday said.

In Ogdensburg the errors caused less trouble. "We want to reassure all taxpayers that the individual amounts owed on their tax bills are correct," City Manager Fonda Chronis said in a prepared statement. "This issue is limited to the total levy figure as it appears on the tax bill summary, and it does not affect individual payments or the city's ability to collect the revenue necessary to support its operations. The city will work with appropriate parties to ensure this error is corrected in the future."

County officials reported meetings were still taking place into Wednesday afternoon.

In the town of Stockholm, residents in the Brasher and Winthrop Fire District were taxed 50% more than their counterparts in Brasher for fire service.

The difference between payments is roughly \$100 for the average taxpayer, according to officials in Stockholm

Town Board Member Jedidiah Arquitt said board members discussed a solution to the matter that would not short the fire department. Arquitt said board members were concerned that without an agreement with the county, the department could be short \$10,000 this year.

"Last night we came up with an agreement that would mean the town of Stockholm residents would not see a refund this year for overpayment but instead would see a discount next year on their tax bill, while residents in the town of

Brasher would make up that difference next year," he said.

He said if the county did not sign off on the agreement, the town would seek a refund for residents, noting that a loss of funds for the fire department could have dire consequences.

Green said the county is taking action to ensure such problems do not occur in the future.

**PHONES...**

during the school day. Over time, this policy has drifted from the requirement that cell phones must be stored in lockers during the school day. This remains a topic of discussion," he said.

Discuss it they will, as Monroe said the committee has voiced more concerns about cell phones, this time outside of school.

"A really good point that Mr. Burke also brought up is that a lot of the cell phone-related issues that he handles are from cell phone use outside of school, issues that stem from social media use or whatever the case may be. It's not during the school day hours. It's more or less the major behavioral issues that he has to deal with on the superintendent level," Monroe said.

Monroe said the Policy Committee is seeking further information to see "what some of the issues are around" electronic device use by students.

Burke recently told NCTW that cell phones are required to be stored in lockers until the end of the day, however he felt that expediting a solution that shifts responsibility solely to schools and away from social media companies and families will only solve part of the problem.

"In my opinion, we have students for less than eight hours a day and therefore a cell phone ban is only part of the solution," Burke told NCTW.

Despite the school's policy, Monroe questioned if some teachers were allowing students to use cell phones in classrooms as an educational tool. He wondered if the phones had become distractions between school periods.

"Are students leaving the classroom to go to the bathroom a number of times during the day to be able to use their cellphones and get away without getting caught? So, those are some of the discussions we had," Monroe said.

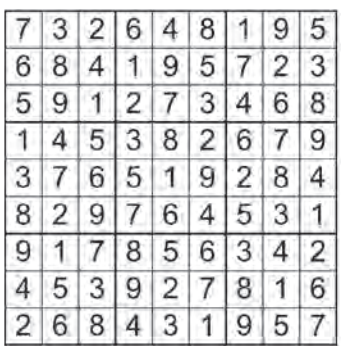
Part of the issue stems from an outright ban in the high school, while policies for junior high students allow them to carry cell phones to school under specific circumstances.

"Cell phone use is prohibited in the school building and on school provided transportation. Cell-phones must remain in/at lockers at all times," the policy states.

The policy also states that students may communicate with their family via text at their locker but must return the device to the locker when done.

Due to those factors, Monroe said the Policy Committee recommended reviewing the policy in place which the committee felt "is pretty clear about the use, but also talking about the handling and observations with phones within our schools."

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2. Santa's Little Helper.
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His diverse experience spans managing a commercial native plant nursery and spearheading initiatives focused on collecting and propagating native seeds for genetic conservation.

Isaac's broad skill set reflects his deep commitment to preserving and restoring native ecosystems.

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Each person will take home a container of winter-sown seeds to care for at home.

All materials are included in the workshop fee, which is \$20-40 (sliding scale).

No previous gardening experience is needed.

Participants are also invited to create a planting plan for their property after the workshop and to join Isaac a week later via Zoom to ask questions or seek feedback.

The class will be held in the front classroom at the Extension Learning Farm at 2043B State Highway 68 in Canton.

Space is limited; registration is required by visiting the events page at [stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu/](http://stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu/).

For more information call Erica at 315-379-9192 x240.

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## Bregg's Winery uses locally grown fruits

Supporting local food businesses is possible, even in the depths of winter. Bregg's Winery is a historic location on Main Street in Norfolk, right on the Raquette River. In 1926, his Hungarian grandfather opened a bar there. The bar was passed to Martin's father, and eventually shuttered after 60+ years in operation. After wrapping up his first career in education, Martin dreamed up a new plan renovating the building and opening Bregg Winery in 2016. His creative flair can be seen in the intricate decoration of the space

as well as his flavor combinations such as apple wine with Thai pepper. He's a diehard for using locally grown inputs including managing his own gooseberries, rhubarb, pears, aronia berry and raspberries along with supporting multiple area producers like Canton Apples by purchasing apples, blueberries, garlic and more. You can be part of the tradition by visiting the winery, enjoying the awesome shuffleboard table and sampling some beverages. Or rent out the space for your next event!

## Opportunity for food entrepreneurs to improve their business in series

Registration is open for the "Plan or Improve Your Food Business" 4-part series organized by Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County. This opportunity for new and established farms and food businesses is available for all backgrounds and skill levels.

Each webinar focuses on a particular facet of managing a food business. While it's impossible to cover every unique circumstance, these sessions tackle the most common questions Extension fields from entrepreneurs considering value-added production. Sessions are held online 6:00-7:30 pm and each includes a presentation, group activity, plus resources to learn more after each session including recorded conversations with other small NYS food entrepreneurs.

The series is happening January 9-30. Once registered, participants can attend one or multiple sessions. The topics for the session are Understanding Food Business Types, Estimating Costs of Starting a Food Business, Recipe Approvals, Record Keeping, and Food Safety, and Creating Effective and Legal Product Labels. Plus, all participants are invited to an in-person day of field trips to commercial kitchens on February 1, that

includes to enjoy a meal together, connect with other food entrepreneurs, and see varying business scales.

An entrepreneur who took part in last year's program shared, "The course was well-balanced in terms of presentation, group discussion, and shared resources for further work. I loved getting to meet the different producers and hear their plans. Having real life examples made all of the licensing requirements, etc. make more sense. The class was an appropriate amount of time to get everyone going in the right direction. Also, the interviews with the producers and NYS food authorities were such an awesome resource and really brought all the information down to earth in an easy, understandable way."

Plan or Improve Your Food Business is led by M. Flip Filippi, who is the Harvest Kitchen Manager and Local Foods Program Leader at Extension. Her focus is offering custom advice to entrepreneurs looking to create value-added products. Flip strives to create a welcoming learning environment while simplifying the multi-layered regulatory and financial planning aspects of food entrepreneurship. She has completed Food Safety

Manager's Training, Better Process Control School for Acidified Products, Holistic Financial Planning, FSMA Regulations for Small Food Producers, Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training, and Master Food Preserver trainings.

The registration fee is \$30 for the entire online course. Once a participant has registered for the course, they may choose to attend any or all of the standalone classes. Payment can be made online or via check mailed to Cornell Cooperative Extension. Registration is open beyond the first class session, find additional information or sign up at <http://stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu/>. Contact the Local Food Program Leader with questions at (315) 379-9192, ext. 229 or [mpf65@cornell.edu](mailto:mpf65@cornell.edu).

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## Local organizations lending a helping hand



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The Massena Meals on Wheels was one of several organizations to receive financial support of \$500 from Massena Amvets Post 4. Post representatives in the check presentation photos include Mike Villeneuve, post finance officer; Will Labrosse, post 2nd vice; Andy LaPointe, Son's 1st vice commander; Jenna Paige, Auxiliary president; Mary Lou LaPointe, Auxiliary 1st vice & hospital; and Susan Gardner, Auxiliary treasurer & Parliamentarian. Representing Meals on Wheels were Myles Russell, Barb Martin, Richard Marshall, Stacie Hawkins, Janet Murphy, and Ann Aumund.



Saarinen photo

Norwood American Legion Commander David Butterfield delivered Halloween "goodies" to the kids attending the Norwood Head Start Program this year. Pictured are Kylee Rheaume-Deon, teacher and director and Marissa Dox-Clement, teachers assistant.



Rotary photo

Members of the Rotary Clubs of Canton, Massena, Ogdensburg and Potsdam recently presented a check for \$8,500 to The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence CEO Lynn Pietroski in support of its summer 2024 summer camp for children with disabilities. Seated, from left, Jeanne Tyo-Martin, Christina DeLorenzo, Teresa Whitmore, and Kathy Mullaney. Standing: Sunday Smith, Barb O'Keefe, Cindy Ayers, Marsha Hough, Duane Pelkey, Tim Welp, Lynn Pietroski, Rick Marshall, Eowyn Doud, Michael Griffin, Kathie Weir, Shawn Seymour, Chuck Foster and Mary Sue Foster.



SeaComm photo

The Massena Neighborhood Center recently received a \$1,000 donation from SeaComm. From the left are SeaComm Branch Manager Joanne Langdon, Massena Neighborhood Center Representative Kenny Jenne and MNC Director Jen O'Shaughnessy; from SeaComm, senior teller Phil Rubacha, teller Adam Zapata, and mortgage specialist Vanessa Alvarez.



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The Massena Elks Lodge #1702 recently donated \$4,000 to Massena Meals on Wheels. Representing the Lodge were Jen Murphy, Rick Marshall, Dale Dix, Patty Raiti, Stacie Hawkins, Barb Aumand, Nora Darling, John Root, Roxanne Roberts, and Exalted Ruler Nathan Lashomb, alongside representatives from Massena Meals on Wheels.



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Rose Hill was one of several organizations to receive financial support of \$256 from Massena Amvets Post 4. Post representatives in the check presentation photos include Mike Villeneuve, post finance officer; Will Labrosse, post 2nd vice; Andy LaPointe, Son's 1st vice commander; Jenna Paige, Auxiliary president; Mary Lou LaPointe, Auxiliary 1st vice & hospital; and Susan Gardner, Auxiliary treasurer & Parliamentarian. Representing Rose Hill is Sarah Richards.

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## Vote for St. Lawrence County restaurants in the Chili Cook-off

The Volunteer Transportation Center Foundation will mark the 26th anniversary of its Annual North Country Chili Cook-Off this February. The event will return in the hybrid format it adopted in 2023, being offered first at participating restaurants and businesses in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties and culminating with its in-person event at the Dulles State Office Building in Watertown.

The North Country Chili Cook-Off has historically been a one-day event at the Dulles State Office Building, held on the first Saturday in February. The event was modified during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 to focus on hosting a month-long competition among participating restaurants and businesses in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties throughout February, said Jeremiah S. Papineau, Director of Communications and Foundation Director for the VTC.

That format repeated in 2022 while large gatherings were still

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VTC photo

Various St. Lawrence County restaurants are expected to present their chili at the Volunteer Transportation Center's in-person portion of the Annual North Country Chili Cook-Off at the Dulles State Office Building in Watertown. Pictured here is a previous year's in-person event.

## Vietnam War nurse, Narcan demo and crafts at Massena Public Library

MASSENA — A guest speaker and former Vietnam War nurse, Narcan demo, and crafts are among the events at Massena Public Library this month.

Mrs. Nellie Coakley, who served as a nurse during the Vietnam War, will speak on her experiences and how they are related to those described in the novel "The Women" written by Kristin Hannah, on Wednesday, Jan. 15. The lecture is open to the public, including members of military organizations and book clubs.

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A snowman painting class will be held Saturday, Jan. 18, at 10 a.m. at Massena Public Library with local artist Theresa Gabor. The project will be redrawn on a 12' x 36" sanded plywood, ready to paint. Cost is \$50, including supplies. To register, text Theresa@ 315-250-2822 to save your seat.

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Massena library photo

Nellie Coakley, a nurse during the Vietnam War, will speak on her experiences at the Massena library.

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

**SAT., JAN. 11**

### Bob Ross paint class

**NORFOLK** -- The class "Paint Just Like Bob Ross in One Day" will be held Sat., Jan. 11, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Norfolk Rescue Squad Building with certified Bob Ross instructor Aaron William Markel. Instructor supplies everything you need to complete your very own painting. Class Fee: \$65. Call to reserve your spot at 315-514-5616.

### Frozen Foote race

**CANTON** - The 2024-2025 Frozen Foote Race Series will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8 and March 8. Registration at 9:30 a.m. at SLU's Newell Field House atrium. Races start from the circle by Newell Field House. \$10 for the series, \$4 for individual race. Walkers should start early so everyone is done before noon. For all ages and abilities. 4-mile out-and-back route along Miner Street Road. Complete at least 3 of the 4 to receive a long-sleeved T-shirt. Info: Suna Stone at smcmasters@stlawu.edu or (315) 229-5105.

### Potluck in Potsdam

**POTSDAM** -- The Poor People's Campaign will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11 in the community room of the Potsdam Presbyterian Church, 42 Elm Street. Attendees are asked to arrive at 5:30 to assist with set up and to bring a dish to share. Dinner will be held in fellowship and posters for the march will be made thereafter. Participants will need to bring their own materials to make posters for the march. Suggested items include: poster board, cardboard and butcher paper; packaging tape or duct tape; markers and pencils; stapler, glue and rubber cement; stencils, construction paper and scissors. At 7:30 p.m., attendees will assist with break down and clean up, and the event will conclude by 8 p.m.

### Watercolor pencils

**WADDINGTON** -- On Saturday, Jan. 11, the Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts, 14 Main St., will host the class "Female Cardinal" Watercolor Pencil Painting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$50. Yvonne Corbett teaches how to create a painting by using watercolor pencils. Painting on hot-press watercolor paper with a mat provided. Beginners welcome. All materials provided. Bring lunch and a drink. Must pre-register at lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com or call 315-705-5198.

### Moonlight ski, snowshoe

**MASSENA** -- Moonlight Ski and Snowshoe, weather permitting, at Nicandri Nature Center on Saturday, Jan. 11, with guided groups heading out at 6 and 7 p.m. promptly. All ages and abilities are welcome. You must go with the guided groups. Arrive at least 15 minutes before the start to get free equipment loans. The center is open 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. for warming up, restrooms and hot cocoa around the fire. Call or check Facebook for up to date information on weather conditions.

### Oil painting

**WADDINGTON** -- On Saturday, Jan. 11, the Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts will host the class "Al's Barn" Oil Painting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 38 Main St. Cost: \$55. - Class will be held at Old Town Hall, 38 Main Street, Waddington. Rita Goodwin will again teach a reproduction of this original oil painting

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by Wilson Bickford. All skill levels welcome. All materials provided. Min 10, Max 20. Bring lunch and a drink. Must pre-register to attend. Email: lakesaint-lawrencearts@gmail.com, phone Rita at 315-742-2620 or Bonnie Grant at 315-705-5198.

**Presidents kids program**

**OGDENSBURG** - The Ogdensburg History Museum, 206 Ford St., is hosting a new, free children's program on Jan. 11 at 11:30 a.m., titled "U.S. Presidents Who Visited Ogdensburg," led by retired Kindergarten teacher Nancy Wilson Mashaw. The program will focus on three U.S. Presidents who have visited Ogdensburg - Ulysses S. Grant, James Monroe, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about these historic visits through a variety of activities, including a story reading and hands-on projects. Designed for children of all ages. Limited to 25 participants. Register at ogdensburghistorymuseum.com.

**Public skating at Arena**

**MASSENA** -- Public skating is being held at Massena Arena Saturday, Jan. 11, from 8:00 p.m.- 9:05 p.m. Admission is \$3. Skate rentals are also available for \$3.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 12**

**Free family swim**

**OGDENSBURG** -- 'Family Swim' is back at Ogdensburg Free Academy. The free swimming sessions will be offered every Sunday from January 5 through February 9 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Ogdensburg Free Academy is located at 1100 State St., Ogdensburg. For more information call Jeremy at 315-393-1980 or jmcdonald@ogdensburg.org.

**Snowshoe and ski walks**

**MASSENA** -- Free guided snowshoe and ski walks and equipment loans are available at Nicandri Nature Center on Sunday, Jan. 12. A guided snowshoe walk will be held at 10 a.m. A guided ski walk will be held at 2 p.m.

**Sons of Amvets meeting**

**HEUVELTON** - The Sons of Amvets 1997 will meet at the post at 107 State St. on Jan. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

**Cards, collectibles**

**MASSENA** -- There will be sports cards, coins and collectibles show on Sunday, Jan. 12 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the American Legion, 40 E. Orris St. \$2 admission, door prizes, raffles.

**MONDAY, JAN. 13**

**Homeschool hangout**

**NORFOLK** -- Hepburn Library of Norfolk, 1 Hepburn St., will host a homeschool hangout featuring "Snowflake Science!" Geared toward Homeschooler Enrichment but suitable for anyone aged 7-14 who enjoys structured lessons and socialization. 4-5 p.m. Free. noflib@ncls.org, 315-384-3052.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 14**

**Watercolor painting**

**OGDENSBURG** --Discover how to make

watercolor paintings using blending, shading and activating the pigments in pencil form at the Ogdensburg Public Library. The painting class will be held Thursday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The complete class, including the use of Yvonne Corbett's supplies and matting is \$50. To reserve your space, email yvonne208400@gamil.com.

**Library board meets**

**BRASHER FALLS** -- On Tuesday, Jan. 14, the Badenhausen Public Library board of trustees will meet at 5 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. <https://badenhausen-library.org>.

**True Crime Book Club**

**NORWOOD** -- True Crime Book Club meets Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Norwood Public Library to discuss this month's book, 'Riding with Evil' by Ken Croke and Dave Wedge. New book club members are welcome.

**WEDS., JAN. 15**

**Blood drive**

**MASSENA** - Massena Hospital is sponsoring a blood drive through the Adirondack Regional Blood Center on Wednesday, Jan. 15, in Massena Hospital's Community Education Room, 1 Hospital Drive. Walk-ins accepted from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years of age, and weigh at least 110 lbs. Advanced registration is not required; however, donors are asked to provide identification. For more information, call CVPH at (518) 561-2000 and ask for the Donor Center.

**Board meeting**

**NORFOLK** -- All are welcome to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hepburn Library of Norfolk, 1 Hepburn St. 4:30-6 p.m. Free. noflib@ncls.org, 315-384-3052.

**Classical Inklings Club**

**OGDENSBURG** --Classical Inklings Book Club will read 'The Last of the Mohicans' by Hames Fenimore Cooper at Ogdensburg Public Library on Jan. 15 from 4:15-5:45 p.m.. This session will cover chapters 10-33.

**Craft kits**

**BRASHER FALLS** -- On Wednesday, Jan. 15, the Badenhausen Public Library will offer an adult focused "grab and go" craft kit to take home. <https://badenhausenlibrary.org>.

**Ice slime**

**OGDENSBURG** -- An ice slime craft for ages 7 and older will be offered Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. at Ogdensburg Public Library Park, 312 Washington St. Make a glittery ice slime at the library to avoid a mess at home. Info: 315-393-4325.

**Teen money management**

**MASSENA** -- 'Money Management for Teens' is being offered Wednesday, Jan. 15, from 4-5 p.m. at the Massena Public Library. An educational program for teens to learn about money management and more is provided by the St. Lawrence County Health Initiative. Registration is not required.

**Vietnam War nurse**

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served as a nurse during the Vietnam War, will speak on her experiences and how they are related to those described in the novel "The Women" written by Kristin Hannah, on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the Massena Public Library. The lecture is open to the public, including members of military organizations and book clubs.

**THURS., JAN. 16**

**Blood drive**

**HEUVELTON** -- The American Red Cross will host a blood drive Jan. 16, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Heuvelton Central School, 87 E. Washington St. To book a time to give, visit RedCrossBlood.org, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

**Community dinner**

**HEUVELTON** -- There will be a community dinner at the Heuvelton Presbyterian Church, 63 Lisbon St., on Thursday, Jan. 16 starting at 4:30 p.m. Donations are accepted but not required.

**Home School Hangout**

**BRASHER FALLS** -- On Thursday, Jan. 16, the Badenhausen Public Library will sponsor a Home School Hangout at 2 p.m., offering homeschoolers the opportunity to hangout, play board games, and enjoy snacks. <https://badenhausen-library.org>.

**Parkinson's Coalition**

**BRASHER FALLS** -- The Seaway Parkinson's Coalition will hold its monthly educational/support meeting on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 2 p.m. at the courtroom in Brasher Town Hall, 11 Factory St. Rebecca Martin, PT, DPT, PHD will present a program. Refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome. Contact seawaypdcoalition@gmail.com or Rick at (315) 250-7798 for more information.

**Transit public hearing**

**CANTON** -- The St. Lawrence County Public Transit Task Force has scheduled a public hearing to give the public the opportunity to comment on the County's 5311 funding application. The public hearing will be held at a Public Transit Task Force meeting on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room of the County Human Services Center, located at 80 State Highway 310. Staff from the county planning office, and the county's mobility manager will provide an overview of the funding application, which includes applying for Federal monies to purchase up to eight 18-passenger buses; and to support public transit bus operations, First Mile Last Mile, and mobility management services. After the presentation, members of the public will be given the opportunity to offer their comments and suggestions on the funding application. The County Human Services Center is accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Those who are unable to attend the public hearing in person may also participate via Zoom. To obtain a link to attend the public hearing virtually, contact the Planning Office by calling (315) 379-2292 or email mlarson@stlawco.gov After the public hearing is closed, written comments and suggestions on the funding application will be accepted until Friday, Jan. 31.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 17**

**KC Karaoke, DJ**

**HEUVELTON** - The Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host its Friday night KC Karaoke and DJ from 6-9 p.m. on Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. A Queen of Hearts drawing will be held at 7 p.m. .

**Rock-N-Skate**

**OGDENSBURG** --Rock-N-Skate will be held at Ogdensburg's Lockwood Arena in January as follows: Saturday, Jan. 4: 6 p.m - 8 p.m. sponsored by Morristown Saturday, Jan. 11: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. sponsored by Heuvelton Friday, Jan. 17: 7 p.m. -10 p.m. sponsored by Lisbon Band Saturday, Jan. 18: 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. sponsored by Lisbon PTO Saturday, Jan. 25: 6 p.m.-9 p.m. sponsored by Blizzard. .

**'Mother's Instinct' movie**

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**SAT., JAN. 18**

**Basic watercolor class**

**BRASHER FALLS** -- On Saturday, Jan. 18, the Badenhausen Public Library is offering a basic watercolor class for adults. Participants will leave with a February themed card and two blank cards for later sharing. All materials will be provided. <https://badenhausenlibrary.org>.

**Blood drive**

**NORTH LAWRENCE** -- The American Red Cross will host a blood drive Jan. 18, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at Lawrence Christian Fellowship, 88 County Route 52. To book a time to give, visit RedCrossBlood.org, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

**Bob Ross paint class**

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**Crochet circle**

**NORWOOD** -- The Crochet Circle will gather at the Norwood Public Library on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 11 a.m. with volunteer Brittany Ashley to work on projects and enjoy conversations. .

**Food distribution**

**MASSENA** -- A food distribution for St. Lawrence County residents will be held Saturday, Jan. 18, from 8:30-10 a.m. at St. Peter's Outreach Ministry, 128 Main St.

**Guided snowshoe walk**

**MASSENA** -- A free guided snowshoe walk and free equipment rentals will be offered Saturday, January 18, at Nicandri Nature Center at 2 p.m.

**Food pantry distribution**

**NORFOLK** -- The food pantry will be open between 9-11 a.m. for our January food distribution. No proof of income required. Open to those who live in the Norwood Norfolk Raymondville area. Each person receives the equivalent of approximately 15 meals (or 5 days worth of food.) The pantry is now set up so that guests can pick and choose which foods they want. If you have questions or are not available during these hours, call 315-212-0520 to set up a mutually convenient time to meet at the pantry. Wendy Chambers, wchambers384@gmail.com.

**Potsdam People's March**

**POTSDAM** -- The Potsdam People's

March will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18 at Ives Park, located at 3 Riverview Drive. North Country residents will gather to participate in a local demonstration in solidarity with The People's March in Washington DC. Attendees are asked to arrive at 9:45 a.m. and the march will begin promptly at 10 a.m. The procession will start from Ives Park and head north on Market Street, turn east on Elm Street, then south on Park Street before turning west on Main Street to return to Ives Park. Following the procession, participants will hear brief comments from several speakers. .

**Snowman painting class**

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**Wool rug hooking**

**WADDINGTON** -- On Saturday, Jan. 18, the Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts, 14 Main St., will host the class "February Messenger" Crow Primitive Wool Rug Hooking from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: \$65. Carol Lama continues her instruction of the historic art of rug hooking with this Crow pattern. A 10" x 10" mat will be used which can be a wall hanging or pillow cover. All materials provided. Bring lunch and a pair of scissors. Limit 10 students. Must pre-register at lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com or call 315-705-5198.

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frowned upon and, in 2023, the VTC merged the two formats, with nearly 30 restaurants in the tri-county area participating and 17 teams competing at the Dulles State Office Building.

The North Country Chili Cook-Off will return in February starting with its restaurant-to-restaurant format Saturday, Feb. 1, which will run through Wednesday, Feb. 19. Participating restaurants and businesses will make available samples of their chili entries during regular hours of operation during that time and the public will be able to vote for their favorite entries. The entry with the most votes will receive a plaque denoting the winner of the People's Choice Award for the tri-county competition. In addition, participating locations will again be able to compete for the Top Fundraiser Award by collecting donations for the Volunteer Transportation Center Foundation.

The participating team with the highest amount raised will receive this special recognition. Winners of both awards will be recognized at the in-person event at the Dulles State Office Building on Saturday, Feb. 22.

In addition to signing up restaurants and businesses interested in participating locations for its off-site portion of the cook-off, the VTC is hosting registration for amateur and professional teams interested in competing in its in-person event at the Dulles State Office Building. The in-person event can accept a maximum of 35 teams. Each entry at the in-person event will be scored by a panel of local judges, with winners taking home top bragging rights and cash prizes.

Those wishing to enter the competition at the Dulles State Office Building must complete an entry packet and those wishing to be a participating location for the tri-county competition must register in advance. The registration process for each may be started online at [www.volunteertransportationcenter.org](http://www.volunteertransportationcenter.org) or by calling Mr. Papineau at 315-303-2590. Information may also be requested via email to

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## Family swim back at OFA pool

'Family Swim' is back at Ogdensburg Free Academy on Sundays through February 9 from 1-3 p.m. The free event drew dozens of excited swimmers on Jan. 5, the first of six Sundays it is offered by Ogdensburg City Recreation.

## Very Hungry Caterpillar focus of kid's program at North Country Children's Museum

POTSDAM -- The North Country Children's Museum is partnering with The Blue House Restaurant for a Very Hungry Caterpillar Special Event on Sunday, Jan. 19 from 1-2 p.m.

The event will take place at the Children's Museum at 10 Raymond St.

At the event, kids will have a chance to listen to the Eric Carle book, make antennae to become the caterpillar, step through the pages of the book created by NCCM Staff

Artist Liza LaBarge Paige, taste farm-to-table delights from the story from the Blue House Restaurant, and emerge as a butterfly.

At this collaborative event, kids can step "inside" the book for an interactive, children's literature experience.

The event is included with the cost of museum membership and admission.

Visit the museum's website for more info: <https://northcountry-childrensmuseum.org>.

## Need to learn defensive driving?

WADDINGTON -- North Country Insurance Professionals will sponsor a defensive driver class at Waddington Hepburn library community room 30 Main St., on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost is \$40 per person and will include lunch. (Chili). You are welcome to bring a bag lunch if you prefer.

This will reduce your insurance rates for liability, no fault and colli-

sion by 10% for a three year period.

You can also reduce up to 4 points from your motor vehicle driving record upon completion of the class.

Contact Robin Miller 315 323 0282 to sign up and reserve your spot in class. Class size is limited.

Pre-payment guarantees your spot in the class. Be sure to bring your NYS drivers license or learner's permit with you.

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[foundation@volunteertransportation.org](mailto:foundation@volunteertransportation.org). Additional paperwork will be provided once the initial registration form has been received. The deadline to register for the cook-off is Monday, Jan. 27.

In addition, sponsors are being sought for this event, with those interested encouraged to reach out to Mr. Papineau by phone or email. The deadline for sponsorships is Monday, Jan. 20.

Proceeds of the North Country Chili Cook-Off will benefit the Volunteer Transportation Center, which provides essential rides to health care appointments, grocery shopping, and other destinations for residents with no transportation alternatives. Funds raised through the cook-off are earmarked to provide transportation to veterans and their family members, which make up roughly one-third of those transported by volunteer drivers through the VTC.

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Understanding Medicare 101 will be a free seminar held Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 6-7 p.m., presented by Barbara Ackerman. Seminars run 60-90 minutes, with time for questions.

Massena Friends of the Library invites the public to their next meeting Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 3 p.m. Learn what you can do to help your library with upcoming programs and fundraisers.

Make your own snow globe Friday, Jan. 31, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The craft is for ages 18 and under. Registration is required.

## Kid's program looks at U.S. presidents

OGDENSBURG - The Ogdensburg History Museum is hosting a new children's program on Jan. 11 at 11:30 a.m. The program, titled "U.S. Presidents Who Visited Ogdensburg," will be led by retired Kindergarten teacher Nancy Wilson Mashaw and is free and open to the public.

The program will focus on three U.S. Presidents who have visited Ogdensburg - Ulysses S. Grant, James Monroe, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about these historic visits through a variety of activities, including a story reading and hands-on projects.

The program is designed for children of all ages and will be a fun and educational experience for the whole

family.

The program will take place at the Ogdensburg History Museum, located at 206 Ford St. This program is limited to 25 participants. Interested families are encouraged to register early to secure their spot.

Nancy Wilson Mashaw, the leader of the program, is a retired Kindergarten teacher with over 30 years of experience. She is passionate about teaching children and has a special interest in history and its impact on local communities.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn about the U.S. Presidents who have visited Ogdensburg. Register now for this free and educational program online at [ogdensburghistorymuseum.com](http://ogdensburghistorymuseum.com).

## Grab and go craft kits, homeschool hangout, watercolor class, scavenger hunt planned

BRASHER FALLS -- The Badenhause Public Library has the following events planned for January.

On Tuesday, January 14, the library board of trustees will meet at 5:00 pm. Meetings are open to the public.

On Wednesday, January 15, the library will offer an adult focused "grab and go" craft kit to take home.

On Thursday, January 16, the library will sponsor a Home School Hangout at 2 pm, offering homeschoolers the opportunity to hangout, play board games, and enjoy snacks.

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basic watercolor class for adults. Participants will leave with a February themed card and two blank cards for later sharing. All materials will be provided.

January 20, the library will be closed for the holiday.

January 21- 25, the library will host a kid's scavenger hunt. Find all the images and win a prize!

January 29, the library will offer a cozy afternoon for kids. Drop in from 1:00-5:00, make a craft, eat some popcorn and/or play some board games.

Visit the library's website at <https://badenhausepubliclibrary.org> for updates.

## Get your tip-ups ready for Black Lake derby

MORRISTOWN -- The Black Lake Fish & Game Club 2025 Ice Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Catch and release only on Black Lake - three on-ice stations Black Lake Marine, Rollaway Bay and Chapman's.

Register online at [blfga.org](http://blfga.org) or in person at Black Lake Marine, Chapman's Sports Shop or at the Black Lake Fish & Game Club on Friday, Jan. 24, 5-8 p.m. or Satur-

day, Jan. 25, 7-11 a.m.

Adults \$20 and kids (under 16) \$10.

Luck of the draw prizes including \$1,000 for adult pike, Lifetime Hunting/Fishing License for Kids and many other great prizes will take place at the BLFGA starting at 4 p.m. on Jan. 25.

Check out their Facebook page or website at [blfga.org](http://blfga.org) for more information.



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## Boarding at Springs Park

Jackson Rufa, of Medford, Long Island, snowboards at the Massean Springs Park in the remaining snow Dec. 30. His dad, Massena native Jonathon Rufa, his sister Kennedy, and Jackson were visiting family in Massena over the holidays.

## BRIEFLY

### Ice rink open

MORRISTOWN — Morristown Fire Station is open to all people daily until 10 p.m. weather permitting. Ice skates are available at the Morristown Public Library free of charge. There is a limited supply of hockey gear at the ice rink.

### Family Swim

OGDENSBURG — 'Family Swim' is back at Ogdensburg Free Academy. The free swimming sessions will be offered every Sunday through February 9 from 1-3 p.m. Ogdensburg Free Academy is located at 1100 State St., Ogdensburg. Info: Jeremy at 315-393-1980 or [jmcdonald@ogdensburg.org](mailto:jmcdonald@ogdensburg.org).

### Tai Chi winter open house

North Country Tai Chi LLC is offering winter open house with a free week of unlimited classes from Jan. 13-April 29 at any of its physical locations -- Canton, Heuvelton, or Potsdam -- by online Zoom or from a 24/7 on-demand video archive. Info: [www.northcountry-taichi.com](http://www.northcountry-taichi.com), [northcountrytaichi@gmail.com](mailto:northcountrytaichi@gmail.com), (315) 229-4003.

### Skating sessions

OGDENSBURG — Public skating, adult skating, and Rock-N-Skate sessions will be held at Lockwood Arena in January. Public skating will be offered on Monday, January 20, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Fee is \$2. Skate rental is \$3. Adult skating will be held at the Lockwood Arena every Thursday in January from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Fee is \$2. Skate rental is \$3. Rock-N-Skate will be held at Lockwood Arena in January as follows: Saturday, Jan. 11: -7 p.m. - 9 p.m. sponsored by Heuvelton; Friday, Jan. 17: 7 p.m. -10 p.m. sponsored by Lisbon Band; Saturday, Jan. 18: 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. sponsored by Lisbon PTO; Saturday, Jan. 25: -6 p.m.-9 p.m. sponsored by Blizzards



## Grieving in the New Year

### Getting to Know Grief



**Kate Favaro**  
Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley

As we enter a new year, surrounded by calls to make resolutions, it can be helpful to step back and consider what we can't (and shouldn't) change. Maybe you quit smoking in the last year, finally got your hair to grow out to the right length or stopped biting your nails.

al, other times the person who is grieving doesn't bring up the person who died because they don't want to make others uncomfortable. If you're the griever and you love to talk about the person who died and remember the good times, do it. If it makes others uncomfortable, they can remove themselves from the conversation.

The one thing you can't change will be those who you've died over the past year(s) and like it or not you're bringing your grief for them into 2025.

You would not want your grief to stay in the past year because it means leaving memories behind. It is ok to bring memories, and grief, with you! Rather than considering what you can change about the situation, think about how you can work to include your grief in the new year.

Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley suggests the following New Year's Grief Resolutions:

- I will not grieve on a schedule. It would be great if there was a timeline for grief, but there isn't. How you grieve, as well as the strength of your feelings, will change over time but there's no schedule. Do not rush yourself and do not let others rush you. Take the time you need, it's your grief. What if others are judging you for how long you've been grieving? Well, what others think of you is none of your business. Also, that says more about them than it says about you.

- I will talk about the person and say their name. Too often, after someone dies, people stop saying their name and stop talking about good memories. Sometimes this is because they don't want to make people who are grieving emotion-

- I will not apologize for tears. To be honest...this is one with which even I, a grief professional, struggle. It is so easy to start to tear up when you're grieving and it's equally as easy to apologize. But why are we apologizing?! Tears are not a sign of weakness, they're not something we intentionally use to make others feel bad. They're what happens when you're grieving someone you love. This year, when you find yourself crying over a loss in front of someone try saying "thank you" instead of apologizing. It may be "thank you for listening", "thank you for asking how I'm doing", maybe even "thank you for the tissue." Either way it's a sign of appreciation rather than an unnecessary apology.

Make the decision to allow yourself to bring your grief into the new year because it also means you're bringing the love. Choose to grieve in a healthy way that is meaningful to you, no matter what others may think or say. If you're not sure what healthy grief looks like, or you feel you'd benefit from extra support in the new year remember Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley offers free support and education to grievers in our community. For more information call 315-265-3105.

*Kate Favaro is Grief Services Coordinator for Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley.*

### BRIEFLY

#### Meals on Wheels donation

MASSENA – The Massena Elks Lodge #1702 recently donated \$4,000 to Massena Meals on Wheels, made possible through the Elks Spotlight Grant. This vital contribution will support the organization's mission to deliver nutritious meals to individuals in need across the Massena community. The grant reflects the Elks' ongoing commitment to fostering community welfare and address-

ing food insecurity for some of the area's most vulnerable residents. Massena Meals on Wheels provides essential meal delivery services to local seniors and those with limited mobility, ensuring that every recipient has access to proper nutrition and human connection. This donation exemplifies the Elks' motto, "Elks Care, Elks Share," and highlights the organization's dedication to improving the quality of life for those in need.

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## SOAR names Leon LeBeau award winner

CANTON -- The Leon LeBeau Award, established in 2009, is awarded each Fall to honor a SOAR presenter who has made exceptional contributions to the educational experiences or well-being of SOAR members.

Board Member and Awards Committee Chair Juanita Babcock made the following comments.

"What can one say about Dana Barry, our 2024 Leon LeBeau recipient? Brilliant. Multi-talented. Renaissance woman. Generous in spirit. These are but a few of the descriptions that so aptly fit this amazing woman."

"Dana is an internationally recognized scientist and a professor at Clarkson University and SUNY

Canton. Her accomplishments are as long as an orangutan's arm, and oh so very stellar in purpose and range of fields. Dana has five graduate degrees, a doctorate degree, and has served as a visiting professor overseas numerous times. Would you believe that her name is on the Japanese spacecraft Hayabusa-2, the first one in the world to land on an asteroid? If that's not enough, she has published a plethora of academic papers and books in both English and Japanese."

"So how are these credentials related to SOAR and the Leon LeBeau Award? For many years, Dana has taught a wide variety of courses for SOAR, including, but not limited to, "World of Robots and Artificial Intelligence," "Using Avatars in

a Virtual World," "Japan and the US: Comparison and Differences", "Beautiful Malaysia", "The Beauty and Culture of Japan," "Space Shuttle Experiments and Mars Exploration," "John Phillip Sousa: The Man and his Music," and just this fall she taught "Generate New Ideas and Solve Problems Creatively." Dana's classes are invariably well attended by our SOAR members, who highly praise her extensive knowledge and enthusiasm for her topics."

"The SOAR community extends congratulations to Dr. Dana Barry and thanks her for her boundless contributions to the SOAR mission of learning and educating our members - life-long learners! What's next, Dana?"

## Long-term solutions to protect joints

Though minor tweaks may be somewhat normal, long-term issues like persistent joint pain should not be written off as par for the course. It can be tempting to write joint pain off as a concern only serious athletes need to worry about. Terms like "tennis elbow" and "runner's knee" can give less physically active individuals a false impression of joint pain and what causes it.

But the Mayo Clinic notes that lack of exercise can contribute to pain and stiffness in the joints. That's because exercise strengthens the muscles and tissues that surround the joints. That added strength puts less stress on the joints.

The Arthritis Foundation® recommends individuals take various steps to protect their joints over the

long haul.

- Focus less on fashion in regard to footwear. High heels may be the epitome of glamorous footwear, but women who routinely wear high heels will pay a steep price. The AF notes that heels put added stress on the knees and increase risk for osteoporosis, and experts indicate that three-inch heels are seven times more stressful on feet than one-inch heels. Men also must pay attention to what they're putting on their feet. For example, sandals without a back strap force toes to overgrip the edge of the sandal, putting needless strain on each foot and potentially causing issues with the toes.

- Alternate between sitting and standing throughout the day. Joint stiffness and strain can develop when individuals spend lengthy

periods of time sitting or standing. The AF recommends taking a break to stand up or sit down every 30 minutes. Professionals who sit at a desk all day may want to switch to height-adjustable desks that make it easy for them to transition from sitting to standing.

- Opt for low-impact activities. Low-impact activities like cycling and swimming are easier on the joints than fitness classes that involve high-intensity dancing and kickboxing. In addition, when choosing between a treadmill and elliptical machine, the Mayo Clinic notes that ellipticals are generally considered low-impact machines that are less stressful on the knees, hips and back than running on a treadmill or even outdoors. Also, maintain a healthy weight.



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## 'Tina Turner Musical' trip set

North Country Insurance Professionals will sponsor a bus trip Saturday, Feb. 1, to the Landmark Theater to see The Tina Turner Musical.

The group will depart from Save-a-lot parking lot off Canton Street at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

The group will arrive at Spaghetti Warehouse in Syracuse at 11:30 to enjoy a delicious lunch and then head off to the theater at 1 p.m. for the 2 p.m. matinee.

The group will leave immediately following the performance and arrive back in Ogdensburg about 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$175 per person and includes your bus ride, theater ticket, lunch all tips and parking. Call Robin Miller 315 323 0282 to make your reservation.

Lunch selections which include salad, bread and non alcoholic drinks are spaghetti & meatballs, lasagne, manicotti, chicken alfredo and chicken cesar salad.

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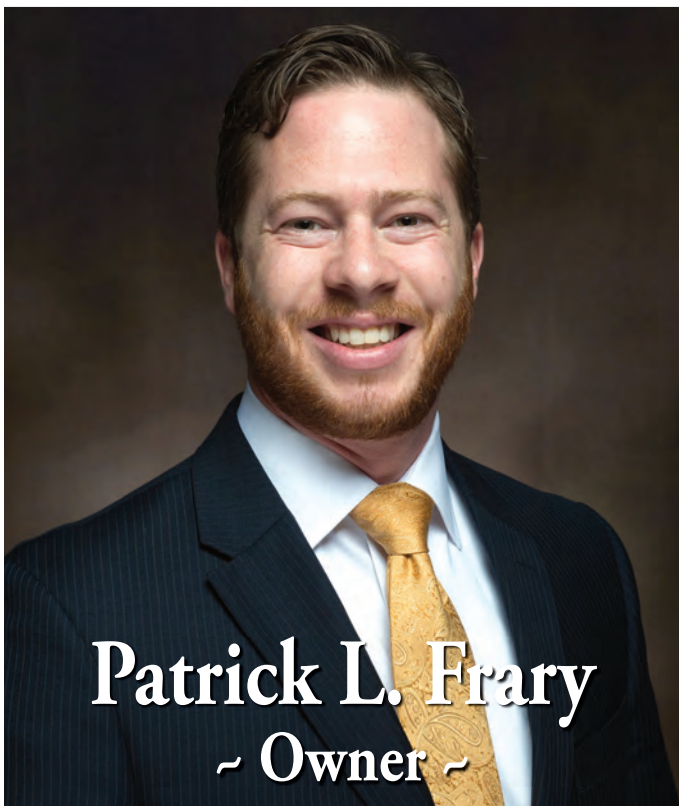
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**STOCKHOLM NOTICE AND RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that the undersigned, the collector of taxes of the Town of Stockholm, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Stockholm for the fiscal year **January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025**.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said roll at her office located at 540 St. Hwy. 11C, Winthrop, NY, Town of Stockholm, St. Lawrence County, New York, during usual business hours, i.e. 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on the following days: Monday - Thursday.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that taxes may be paid to the undersigned without interest on or before the **thirty first day of January**. Taxes received after the 30-day penalty free period shall have interest added at the rate of one per cent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law. The date for the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer is **June 3, 2025**.

Dated: January 2, 2025  
Heather Kish  
Collector of Taxes  
Town of Stockholm

**HAMMOND NOTICE OF TAX COLLECTION**

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that the undersigned, the collector of taxes of the Town of Hammond, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Hammond for the fiscal year January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on the said roll at the office located at 21 South Main Street, Town of Hammond, St. Lawrence County, New York, during usual business hours of 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Thursday, excluding legal holidays.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that taxes may be paid to the undersigned without interest on or before the thirty first day of January. Taxes received after the 30-day penalty free period shall have interest added at the rate of one per cent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law. The date for return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer is **June 3, 2025**

DATED: December 31, 2024  
Pamela Burton  
Collector of Taxes  
Town of Hammond

**CANTON TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that the undersigned, the collector of taxes of the Town of Canton, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Canton for the fiscal year **January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025**.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said roll at his/her office located at 60 Main Street, Town of Canton, St. Lawrence County, New York, during usual business hours, i.e. 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM on the following days: Monday-Fridays (except holidays).

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that taxes may be paid to the undersigned without interest on or before the **thirty first day of January**. Taxes received after the 30-day penalty free period shall have interest added at the rate of one per cent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law. The day for the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer is **June 3, 2025**.

Dated: January 2, 2025  
Heidi L. Smith, RMC  
Collector of Taxes  
Town of Canton

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Bessie J. Mitchell has requested letters of Administration on the Estate of Elizabeth Tarbell Ransom of Akwesasne, NY.

Notice is hereby given to all potential creditors to said estate who may have an interest in said estate to present their interest to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court by January 28, 2025.

Any creditors shall contact the Tribal Court Clerk at 518 - 358 - 6300.

**STOCKHOLM LEGAL NOTICE**

**PLANNING BOARD MEETING'S**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Stockholm Planning Board will meet on the third Monday of the month to conduct regular business. If there is no business to transact, the meeting will be canceled. Please call the Town Clerk to determine if a meeting has been canceled. Separate notices will be sent when the Board meets to address permits, site plan review, and other similar business. Action that is not subject to separate notice includes such activities as training and reviewing current laws and regulations.

They will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month in 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Stockholm Town Hall:

January 20, 2025  
February 17, 2025  
March 17, 2025  
April 21, 2025  
May 19, 2025  
June 16, 2025  
July 21, 2025  
August 18, 2025  
September 15, 2025  
October 20, 2025  
November 17, 2025  
December 15, 2025

These meetings are open to the public. Any written comments may be submitted to the Town of Stockholm Planning Board, 540 State Highway 11C, Winthrop, NY 13697.

DATED: December 30, 2024  
Robin McClellan, Chairman  
Stockholm Planning Board

**OSWEGATCHIE TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that the undersigned, the collector of taxes of the Town of Oswegatchie, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Oswegatchie for the fiscal year **January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025**.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said roll at her office located at 51 State St, Heuvelton, NY 13654, Town of Oswegatchie, St. Lawrence County, New York, during usual business hours: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00 - 11:30 am and 12:30 -4:00 pm. Wed 8:00 - 11:30 am only.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, the taxes may be paid to the undersigned without interest on or before the **thirty first day of January**. Taxes received after the 30-day penalty free period shall have interest added at the rate of one per cent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law. The date for the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer is **June 3, 2025**.

Vicki L. Thornhill,  
Collector of Taxes  
Town of Oswegatchie  
January 2, 2025

**OGDENSBURG NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Hulett Group LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/15/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Mark Marcum: 3772 Sanguine Circle, Castle Rock, CO 80109. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a license, number pending, for liquor, wine, and beer has been applied for by the undersigned\* to sell liquor, wine, and beer at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 6 Elm St, Potsdam, NY 13676 in St. Lawrence county for on premises consumption.

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**NORFOLK NOTICE OF MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Norfolk, NY Planning Board will hold a meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 5:15 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall to review a Special Use Permit Application for the property at 25 Grantville Road, Norfolk, NY.

**MASSENA NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Spin Drift Precision LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/27/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to: 253 Trippany Rd Massena, NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**PARISHVILLE LEGAL NOTICE**

**PARISHVILLE FIRE DISTRICT 2025 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Parishville Fire District, in the Town of Parishville, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, will hold the annual organizational meeting for the year 2025 on Wednesday, January 08, 2025, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Parishville Fire Station, located at 1714 State Highway 72 in Parishville, New York 13672. This notice is being publicized and posted in accordance with the provisions of Section 104 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York. By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Parishville Fire District.

Danielle Rose  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Parishville Fire District

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

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

**POTSDAM NOTICE AND RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the undersigned, the Collector of Taxes of the Town of Potsdam, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Potsdam for the fiscal year January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said roll at her office located at 18 Elm Street, Town of Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, New York, during usual business hours i.e. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday - Friday, except legal holidays.

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Dated: December 31, 2024  
Cindy Goliber  
Collector of Taxes

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

Notice of Formation of AMR Management Consultants Holdco, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 12/19/24. Office location: St. Lawrence County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Curran Boyce, 28 Hamilton St., Potsdam, NY 13676, principal business address. Purpose: All lawful purposes.

**OGDENSBURG NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Richardet Tree Farm, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/19/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Kevin Adner: 613 Greene St., Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of M9 Dairy LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/26/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to: Benjamin S. Hoffman, 164 Spragueville Road, Gouverneur, NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Winthrop NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Woodrat Salvage & Sales LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/08/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Garrett Richards: PO BOX 38, Winthrop, NY 13697. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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**PIERCEFIELD NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of PB & Drive LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/24/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to PB & Drive LLC: 6 Wood Avenue, Piercefield, NY 12973. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Town of DeKalb  
Annual meeting for 2025  
Jan 8th at 6pm at  
DeKalb Town office,  
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**SAINT LAWRENCE COUNTY FORECLOSURE NOTICE**

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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Plaintiff, -against- NOTICE OF SALE

Index No.: EFCV-23-165562  
RJI No.: 44-1-2024-0110

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

Defendant(s).

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

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being situate in Section #55 of the Town of Norfolk, County of St. Lawrence and State of New York, and bounded thus: Beginning in the north bounds of the road running along the line between Sections #55 and #65 at a point located S 70° 30' W 372.2 feet from the intersection of the said north bounds with the east bounds of the Carney farm, and running thence along the north bounds of the road S 70° 30' W 100 feet; thence N 19° 30' W 200 feet; thence N 70° 30' E 100 feet and S 19° 30' E 200 feet to the place of beginning. As surveyed August 1, 1956 by Howard M. Smith, Surveyor #7744.

**NORWOOD PUBLIC NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Regular Meeting of the Norwood Village Board will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6 PM at the Municipal Building in Norwood, NY. All meetings are open to the public, everyone is welcome to attend.

**COLTON NOTICE OF MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Colton-Pierrepont Central School Board of Education will hold its regularly scheduled board meeting @ 5:30 p.m., January 15, 2025, in the library.**

Jennifer Fleury  
Board Clerk

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE**

PROBATE CITATION File No. 2024-55904

SURROGATE'S COURT - ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: Jason Grimes and Matthew Rosenbarker, whose existence, whereabouts, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained; and if they be deceased, to any heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest, whose names, existence, whereabouts, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown; and all other persons in any manner interested, directly or indirectly, who cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained.

A petition having been duly filed by Charles Rosenbarker, who is domiciled at 784 Country Club Road, Gouverneur NY 13642.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE, before the Surrogate's Court, St. Lawrence County, at the Courthouse, 48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617, on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, why a Decree should not be made in the Estate of Mark L. Rosenbarker, deceased, lately domiciled at 784 Country Club Road, Gouverneur, NY 13642, in the County of St. Lawrence, New York, admitting to probate a Will dated June 15, 2023, a true copy of which is on file with this Court, as the Will of Mark L. Rosenbarker, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to Charles Rosenbarker.

Hon. Michelle H. Ladouceur, Surrogate

Dated, Attested and Sealed  
November 26, 2024 /s/ Karlene M. Burley

Hon. Karlene M. Burley, Chief Clerk

Henry J. Leader, Esq., Case & Leader LLP Telephone Number: (315) 287-2000  
Attorneys for Petitioner  
107 East Main Street, PO Box 13, Gouverneur, New York 13642  
Address of Attorney

[NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]



# NORTH COUNTRY PEOPLE



## NOTABLE

Dr. Chayton Massic, of Ogdensburg, recently earned a Ph.D. in Sustainability Education at Prescott College, a private institution based in central Arizona. He achieved this academic milestone shortly after turning 23 years of age. Massic recently served as the lead researcher on a project that aimed to elevate transnational inclusion in higher education partnerships. Massic currently works as a college professor.



Submitted

## New Eagle Scout

Sophia Guerard is pictured with her two Hygiene Wellness Centers she created for her Eagle Scout Project. These Hygiene Wellness Centers provide free hygiene products of all sorts for anyone in the community to use as they want or need.

## Arc honors employees at annual meeting

CANTON – The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence (www.thearcjslc.org), recently held their Annual Meeting to elect officers and set terms for the Board of Directors, as well as honor employees, volunteers, and individuals supported by the agency.

The 2025 elected officers for The Arc Jefferson – St. Lawrence Board of Directors are as follows: Jackie Sauter, President; Jennifer Van-reenen, Vice President; and Shawn Signor, Secretary/Treasurer.

Employees, people supported, and volunteers were recognized for their achievements during the past year. Patricia Jo Green received the David Brassbridge Staff Member of the Year Award. Green is a Residence Manager for homes in Massena. She works hard for the people we support, and makes providing high quality services and supports her highest priority.

Kristy Meeks received the Stephen Robarge Employee of the Year Award. Meeks was honored because she strives to find quality employ-

ment opportunities for the people we support as the Job Development and Vocational Rehabilitation Services Coordinator in the Career Solutions Department.

Scott Murphy was awarded The Arc Jefferson – St. Lawrence's Kathy Hill Individual of the Year Award. Murphy is kind and empathetic, and is a role model for those around him. He is committed to personal growth and advocacy for himself and others.

The Self-Advocate of the Year Award was given to Marla Lalonde. Lalonde is known for her confidence and enthusiasm. She is involved in advocacy efforts and enjoys giving back to her community.

The Arc Jefferson – St. Lawrence Community Spirit Award was presented to the Carthage High School Bridge Builders. This group of young leaders has worked with the school's administration and teaching team to create many opportunities for the

people we support, including picnics, dances, and art activities. They have fostered many important relationships, and have grown to be a close partner of the agency.

The Career Solutions award for Employer of the Year was given to The Morning Ritual. Owner Paegan Thatcher and the Morning Ritual team have made accommodations to ensure a person employed through the Career Solutions program has good, meaningful work. They have helped this person to succeed in their dream job by creating a welcoming and inclusive environment.

To learn more, visit [www.thearcjslc.org](http://www.thearcjslc.org) or find us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

### BRIEFLY

#### Massena woman awarded

MASSENA -- Doctor of Physical Therapy student Alayna Taraska '26 of Massena, has been awarded Clarkson University's Melissa A. Walsh '03 '05 Memorial Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship was established in memory of Walsh by her family and friends to assist a Clarkson University physical therapy student with qualities and goals similar to Walshes. Taraska was chosen due to her passion for physical therapy, commitment to excellence and desire to be a life-long learner. "I am deeply honored to have been chosen for this scholarship. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity and the support it provides," Taraska said. "This award significantly reduces financial stress, allowing me to focus fully on my education and academic goals."

#### Brasher student graduates

BRASHER FALLS — Thirty-one students from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Albany, have an extra reason to celebrate this holiday season as they graduate and become part of the college's growing alumni base. Ramsey Tozier of Brasher Falls, graduated with a BS in Forensic Psychology. These students walked with classmates in the College's 144th Commencement in May 2024 and then returned to campus to finish up their degree requirements.

#### Ogdensburg woman honored

OGDENSBURG -- Marnie Pressler, of Ogdensburg, was named to the President's List for the Fall 2024 term at Trine University in Angola, Ind. Pressler is majoring in accounting.

#### LOUISVILLE NOTICE AND RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,** that the Louisville Tax Collector has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Louisville for the fiscal year **January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.**

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE,** that the Louisville Tax Collector will receive the taxes listed on said roll at the town office located at 14810 State Highway 37, Town of Louisville, St. Lawrence County, New York, 8:00am to 3:00pm, Monday through Friday.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE,** that taxes may be paid to the Louisville Tax Collector without interest on or before the **thirty first day of January.** Taxes received after the 30-day penalty free period shall have interest added at the rate of one percent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law. The date for the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer is **June 3, 2025.**

DATED: 12/30/2024  
Terri O'Keefe  
Tax Collector, Town of Louisville

#### WADDINGTON NOTICE AND RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,** that the undersigned, the collector of taxes of the Town of Waddington, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Waddington for the fiscal year January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE,** that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said roll at her office located at 46 Maple St, Town of Waddington, St. Lawrence County, New York, during usual business hours 8:30AM-2:30PM on the following days Monday through Friday.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE,** that taxes may be paid to the undersigned without interest on or before the thirty first day of January. Taxes received after the 30-day penalty free period shall have interest added at the rate of one percent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law. The date for the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer is **June 3, 2025.**

Dated: December 31, 2024  
Carol A. Burns, Tax Collector

The Lisbon Central School District will hold a Regular Board of Education Meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria.

Keep **INFORMED!**  
Read the **LEGAL NOTICES**  
NORTH COUNTRY THIS WEEK

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

Notice of Formation of CROSSROAD CENTER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/24. Office location: St Lawrence County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: JESSE OSHIER, 480 Hardscrabble Rd., Lisbon, NY 13658. Purpose: any lawful activities.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF LAND DISPUTE

Any Person having any interest whatsoever or information pertaining to this matter shall have thirty (30) business days from the date of publication of this Notice to file opposing or related claims or to provide relevant information to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court.

Information and related claims should be filed no later than February 14, 2025.  
Claimant: Catherine Joyce Leaf  
303 Helena Road  
Akwesasne, N.Y. 13655  
Respondent Todd L. Papineau  
313 Helena Road  
Akwesasne, N.Y. 13655  
Property in Dispute: Lot 212  
Case Number: 24-LND-00004

Brief Description of Nature of Dispute: Claimant is seeking a judgment determining the boundaries of the lot in dispute.

#### ROSSIE NOTICE AND RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,** that the undersigned, the collector of taxes of the Town of Rossie, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Rossie for the fiscal year January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE,** that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said roll at her office located at 908 County Route 3, Town of Rossie, St. Lawrence County, New York, during usual business hours, i.e. Tues, Wed 7:30-12 and Thur 12-5.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE,** that the taxes may be paid to the undersigned without interest on or before the thirty-first day of January. Taxes received after the 30-day penalty free period shall have interest added at the rate of one percent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law. The date for the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer is **June 3, 2025.**

Dated: December 31, 2024  
Jennifer Gardner, Collector of Taxes, Town of Rossie

#### MASSENA PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,** that the undersigned, the Receiver of Taxes and Assessments of the Town of Massena, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Town of Massena for the fiscal year **January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.**

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE,** that the undersigned will receive the taxes listed on said roll at her office located at Town Hall 60 Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> window on right, Town of Massena, St. Lawrence County, New York, during usual business hours: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM on the following days: Monday through Friday excepting holidays.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE,** that taxes may be paid to the undersigned without interest on or before the thirty-first day of January. Taxes received after the 30-day penalty free period shall have interest added at the rate of one percent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law. Taxes may also be paid in installments as provided in St. Lawrence County local law; the first installment must be at least one-third of the total amount due plus 2% service charge on the total amount billed to be paid by January 31, 2025; the second installment must be at least one-third of the January tax bill to be paid by March 31, 2025 to avoid interest; the third installment is the remainder due on or before June 2, 2025. The date for the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer is **June 3, 2025.**

DATED: December 31, 2024  
Taya M. Pryce  
Receiver of Taxes and Assessments  
Town of Massena

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ALSO: 2007 Honda Shadow - 15,617 miles. New rubber (Mint).

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## Math/Science TRiO SSS Tutor

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for a part-time, temporary position in the TRiO SSS Department beginning January 2025.

### Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree or Associate's Degree with 3-5 years of experience in the area(s) of Math or Science is preferred.
- Ability to develop positive rapport with participants and campus faculty/staff.
- Proficiency in Mathematics, Science.
- Excellent communication and organization skills.
- Tutoring experience.
- Ability to work with multiple students at once.

### Duties:

- Provide tutoring on specific subject areas such as but not limited to algebra, statistics, accounting, biology, chemistry, and physics.
- Provide intensive in-person academic assistance and guidance in one-on-one or group settings.
- Must be able to work on campus during the academic year, no remote availability will be allowed.
- Greet participants and ensure they have electronically signed in and out of the tutoring lab.
- Review assignments and homework with participants.
- Identify and develop tutorial material as needed.

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to Human Resources.

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

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

**Application Deadline:** Open until filled; application review begins immediately.

All appointments are contingent upon continued receipt of State funding and renewal of appointment is subject to the Research Foundation of SUNY policies and procedures, sponsor guidelines, and the availability of annual funding.

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## Sudoku

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	6		4			9		7

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## Cybersecurity Assistant Professor Tenure Track

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

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

**Required Qualifications:**

- Ph.D. in Computer Science or equivalent.

**Duties:**

- Engage in scholarly activities that contribute to the dissemination of knowledge in the discipline.
- Continually develop and improve skills and knowledge in the discipline through professional development.
- Teach courses as assigned in the program in a variety of instructional modalities (face- to-face, online, and flex) and implements assessment and use of data for continuous improvement in course and program student learning outcomes.
- Active in research, peer-reviewed publications, and secure external funds.
- Participate in faculty committees, student advisement, and other activities related to university service.

Please submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching philosophy, statement of research, unofficial transcripts, statement of diversity, equity, and inclusion, a sample of peer- reviewed publication, and three professional references to Human Resources.

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

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

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

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

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



## Campus Safety Specialist Staff Assistant SL-2

Salary Range: \$60,000-\$65,000

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for a full-time, staff position in the Environmental Health and Safety Department.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Associate's degree.
- Code Enforcement Officer Training or willingness and ability to obtain certification within one year of employment.
- Fire Extinguisher Maintenance Certification or willingness to obtain certification within 6 months of employment.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree.
- RCRA/DOT Certification.
- Hazwopper Certification
- OSHA 40-Hour Certification.
- Familiarity with CAD.
- Familiarity with Microsoft word and excel.
- Electrical and construction/building trades background.
- Reading of and understanding construction drawings.

**Duties:**

- Performing and management of required life safety system inspections to include but not limited to emergency egress lighting, fire extinguishers, AEDs, ADA doors, SPCC above ground tank inspections, sprinkler systems, standpipe systems, SAAs, hot work areas.
- Facilitating the management, proper collection, classification, storage, transportation, and disposal of non-hazardous, electronic, and universal waste as required and assist with the management of hazardous waste.

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## Healthcare Management Assistant Professor Tenure Track

**Salary Range:** \$60,000-\$70,000

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for a full-time, tenure-track position in the Healthcare Management Department beginning September 1, 2025.

**Required Qualifications:**

- PhD in the field or Master's plus 7 or more years of management experience in the field;
- (FACHE certification or other certificates to be considered).

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- PhD in the field.
- Prior college teaching experience.
- Familiarity with online LMS and online teaching experience.
- Prior experience in field.

**Duties:**

- A 4/4 teaching load, which will include online and flex modalities.
- Teaching assignments may include courses in Introductory Healthcare Management, U.S. Healthcare System, Public Health Issues, Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare, Healthcare Facility Administration and other courses as needed.
- Advising and mentoring students.
- Collaborative participation in course, curriculum, program development, accreditation, and assessment.
- Participation in campus, university, and community service activities.
- Engagement in professional development and relevant scholarly activity.

Please submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching philosophy, statement of research, statement of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and three professional references to Human Resources.


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

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## Clinical Instructor (Adjunct) Nursing

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton is seeking clinical adjuncts for their RN and PN programs. Come join our team of qualified instructors for a rewarding position teaching our future nurses with an attractive pay scale!

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

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

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

**Qualifications:**

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

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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

### Secondary Math Teacher

**Start Date: January 16, 2025**

**Application Deadline: Immediately-Until Filled**

**Location: Salmon River Central School**

Full job descriptions and applications can be found at [www.srk12.org/employment/](http://www.srk12.org/employment/)

Queries directed to/ Submit a completed application to:

**Angela Robert-Assistant Superintendent  
Salmon River Central School  
Fort Covington, NY 12937**

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



## Cook

### Dining & Conference Services Department

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

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

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Salary Range: \$55,000-\$60,000

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**Required Qualifications:**

- Master's degree in Healthcare Administration.
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Applications accepted until position filled.

You can apply online at

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**315-379-2210**

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Human Resources Office

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## HEAD START has the current openings:

**Health/Disabilities Coordinator:** Canton Administrative Office. Bachelors in Community Health or a RN. The position is full time, 35 hours per week, 43 weeks/year following the school calendar. The salary is \$21.20 per hour.

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**Assistant Teacher: Potsdam (1) Center:** Person must have a minimum of a CDA (Child Development Accreditation), or a written plan of study. Early childhood experience preferred. The salary range is \$16.76 - \$17.69 per hour based on credential.

**Classroom Aide:** Person must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. BOCES Certificate of Early Childhood, CDA, or substantial experience in early childhood daycare preferred. The salary is \$16.76 per hour.

**Health Professional for Brasher/Norwood and around the county:** Experience in the Medical Field. Medical Professional, CNA, etc. Experience with young children a plus. The salary range is \$17.69 to \$18.87 per hour depending on the degree/certification.

**Bus Monitors for Gouverneur (1) and Parishville (1) Centers:** Persons must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. Person should enjoy working with preschool aged children. The salary is \$16.76 per hour.

**Substitutes in the following positions are needed:** Teacher, Assistant Teacher, Classroom Aides, Cooks and Bus Drivers.

**Job Descriptions are available on our website at [www.slcdp.org](http://www.slcdp.org)**

**Positions follow the BOCES Calendar.**

**Send letter of interest, resume and three current, signed and dated written letters of reference including phone number, address, and email address to Head Start, One Commerce Lane, Canton, NY 13617. Deadline is until the positions are filled. Head Start is an EOE. Call 315-386-8574 ext.: 111, 114 or 119 for further information.**



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Mail applications to:

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## Cybersecurity Visiting Assistant Professor PRODiG+ Fellow

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

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

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

**Required Qualifications:**

- Ph.D. or relevant terminal degree from an accredited institution completed prior to start date in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, or related field.
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- Demonstrate personal, academic, and/or work experience engaging with diversity, equity, and inclusion and/or commitment to facilitating and enhancing diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in the campus community. Such experience may include, but is not limited to, an academic/scholarly track record focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion; work, volunteer/unpaid/community service; or related experience/expertise in serving underserved or vulnerable areas and/or populations.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

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

**Duties:**

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

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

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

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

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### Construction Management: Field Superintendent (FS)

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

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