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## Gas prices prompt call for investigation

County wants state help

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Why are St. Lawrence County gas prices higher than neighboring communities? St. Lawrence County legislators are calling on the state to find out. For months local gas prices have run 40 to 50 cents higher than surrounding areas.

St. Lawrence County legislators are now calling on Attorney General Letitia James to investigate the issue, with some legislators wondering if collusion efforts may be driving the price hikes.

Legislator Larry Denesha sponsored a resolution to call on the state AG to formally investigate during the Jan. 6 Operations Committee meeting.

Denesha said a presentation to the legislature in 2023 largely suggested that supply and demand, coupled with a lack of competition has led to the disparity.

But he said he wasn't sold on that idea. "When I go to Star Lake, I can buy gas at Star Lake at the only gas station in town for about 40 cents less than in Canton," he said.

Denesha said the transportation costs

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Cheryl Shumway | NCTW

## People's March steps out in Potsdam

Over 100 local people marched and rallied in Potsdam Saturday in solidarity with The People's March in Washington, D.C. Participants chanted, held flags and signs as they paraded around downtown Potsdam. A rally with four speakers followed in Ives Park.

## Deputy mayor steps down, cites frustration

Village losing two of five members, but retains quorum

BY ADAM ATKINSON  
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The village's deputy mayor has stepped down.

Steve Warr, who has served as a village trustee for the last 15 years, has submitted his letter that he will retire.



Warr

Warr is the second elected board member who has stepped down from their seat in the last week, joining Trustee Monique Tirion who opted to resign. Both of their seats were to be on the ballot in November.

In Warr's case, he told *North Country This Week* he was of retirement age and wanted to travel, but he also cited what he felt was a lack of respect towards Tirion as an elected official by employees of the village and dissatisfaction

with the direction the village is headed and the priorities that have been set in recent years.

Warr said he had been considering retirement for some time.

### Wrong direction

The deputy mayor said he doesn't really agree with the current ideology or ideas being promoted by the village.

"We have employees that have been raised up through the ranks really quickly in control positions," Warr said.

He also said he shared the frustrations voiced by fellow village trustee Monique Tirion. Tirion submitted her letter of resignation last week. The trustee has voiced concerns



Tirion

SEE RESIGNING ON 10.

## Canton village, town hire new historian

BY PAUL MITCHELL  
North Country This Week

CANTON — There will soon be a new face greeting visitors to the Canton Historian's Office.

The hiring of Casey Denis, Potsdam, was approved this week by both the town and village boards. A transition period will take place from Jan. 27 to Feb. 5 when office hours will be established.

Denis succeeds Linda Casserly who stepped down from the historian's position on Dec. 20 after 29 years of service.

"I am deeply honored to be appointed to the position of Historian



Denis

for the Town and Village Canton. I look forward to collaborating with our residents, visitors, and fellow Historians and serving as a valuable resource to preserve and celebrate Canton's rich history," stated Denis. "Linda Casserly dedicated the past 29 years to building an impressive legacy and remarkable body of work as Canton's Historian, and I am excited to continue her important contributions."

Denis was chosen from a pool of

SEE HISTORIAN ON 10.

**'I am pleased with the results of the search process. The committee had a tough decision to make from a pool of good candidates.'**

Mary Ann Ashley  
Canton Town Supervisor



Steve Molnar | Submitted

## Human snowflake in Canton

Little River Community School students never miss a chance to play in the snow. Pictured here, the middle schoolers have formed a human snowflake.

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## Canton Police Department welcomes new sergeant

BY PAUL MITCHELL  
North Country This Week

CANTON – There’s a new sergeant in a shuffling Canton Police Department.

The Canton Village Board approved the appointment of Adam Clark at its monthly meeting on Wednesday night. Clark fills the sergeant void left by Ryan Cole who is now Canton’s police chief, succeeding James Santimaw who has retired. The appointment is effective March 2. A search for a new patrol officer is underway to bring the department up to full capacity.

“Adam is an intelligent officer who is going to do very well in this new

role and police sergeant,” stated Cole. “I’m really excited to bring him on as a sergeant. He will bring the team some great experience,” said Trustee Beth Larrabee.

Clark started his career in law enforcement in 2017 as an officer with SUNY Canton University police. From there, he transferred to the Canton Police Department to work as a patrol officer in 2018. Since then Clark has served as a School Resource Officer at Canton Central School, a juvenile officer, a general topic instructor at the local academies and a Field training officer.

Clark is also serving as a First Sergeant with the New York State Air National Guard 174th Attack Wing.

STOCKHOLM — State police have identified the missing snowmobiler who allegedly fell through the ice near the County Route 49 bridge.

New York State Police Underwater Recovery Team (URT) searched last week for missing snowmobile operator, Richard N. Cook, 69, Winthrop, on the St. Regis River.

Cook reportedly went missing Jan. 14.

Troopers observed snowmobile tracks on the ice which led to open water.

A red 2020 snowmobile was reportedly located at the bottom of the river near the north shoulder of the bridge.

A private tow company retrieved the snowmobile.

Police and dive teams searched while river conditions allowed due to strong currents and unstable ice.

## Believed to have fallen through ice Search for missing snowmobiler



Cheryl Shumway | NCTW

State police and rescue workers continued their search Wednesday morning for the driver of a snowmobile that fell through the ice Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 14, on the St. Regis River. The accident took place near the intersection of Route 11C and Rt. 420.

If anyone has information regarding the incident, they are asked to call state police at 315-379-0012.

State Police said there were no updates as of press time on Jan. 21.

This is the second time a snowmobiler has gone through the ice in the last two weeks.

One person was rescued last week after their snowmobile went through the ice on the St. Regis River, according to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

In the incident last week, Ranger Ellis assisted the New York State Police Dive Team to escort the operator off the ice.



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Maytal moved to the North Country from Anchorage, Alaska in 2022. She has extensive experience in private practice, and specializes in tinnitus treatment. She received her undergraduate degree in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology from Towson University and completed her Doctorate in Audiology from Salus University. Maytal also holds certification from the American Academy of Audiology.

In her free time, Maytal likes to read and take nature hikes. She also enjoys spending time with her husband, daughter, and two cats.

# Buck Street Playground in Canton could see renovations

BY PAUL MITCHELL  
North Country This Week

CANTON – Canton’s recreation director is hoping to land a \$50,000 grant from T-Mobile to renovate the Buck Street Playground.

Meghan Richardson told members of the town board Monday night, Jan. 13, that she has applied for funding through the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program. She said the playground is in need of repairs.

It’s a well utilized playground, even in the winter,” said Richardson.

T-Mobile is offering awards up to \$50,000 for shovel-ready projects

for outdoor spaces. Towns with a population less than 50,000 can apply. The town had to include plans, budget, timeline, anticipated impact and up to five letters of support in the application.

Richardson, in her monthly report, also noted she will be submitting an application to the annual Stewart’s Holiday Match grant with hopes of receiving money to support the recreation department’s summer drop-in program.

Her report also mentioned that nine open skating sessions were held free of charge courtesy of Canton VFW Post 1231 and Grasse River Real Estate.

# Dogs die under mysterious circumstances

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

WADDINGTON -- Multiple dogs in the village of Waddington have died unexpectedly after quickly falling ill in recent days.

Mayor Mike Zagrobelny is urging dog owners to use caution when walking their dogs in the village and asking residents to keep dogs on a leash at all times.

According to Zagrobelny, a number of family dogs have passed recently, prompting village officials to reach out to state and county agencies for assistance.

He said the dogs had experienced vomiting, bloody stool, frothing and convulsing, though the symptoms were not the result of attacks by other

animals or humans.

Zagrobelny said the dogs all passed within hours of onset of symptoms, though one dog did survive after veterinarian intervention.

He also confirmed the village had conducted testing of village drinking water and sewage outflow today, Jan. 17, but “nothing unusual has been found.”

Zagrobelny said he has also communicated with the St. Lawrence County Sheriff’s Office, who responded promptly and are now investigating the recent deaths.

He said the office is currently taking statements and compiling information currently as they investigate.

Zagrobelny said he has also been in contact with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

officials regarding the possibility of a “Blue Green Algae” connection.

“Many thanks to all who have made suggestions or reached out with reports. If your dog suddenly becomes ill, I suggest you make the vet aware of the recent coincidences and see what additional testing may reveal,” he wrote.

In reference to locations, Zagrobelny said the problem has not been linked to one specific area in Waddington, nor was there a mechanism in place to track the frequency of incidents aside from anecdotal information provided by dog owners.

Initial reports suggested that there may have been a link to dogs that walked along the river, however there is no definitive evidence to suggest that is the case.



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Hopes GOP again rallies around 'bold, young' candidate for Congress

# Canton businessman Josh Parker eyes congressional seat

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

CANTON – A Canton businessman who founded his own maple company at just 15-years old would like to succeed Congresswoman Elise Stefanik should she vacate her seat to join President Donald Trump's cabinet.

Joshua Parker, 27, joins a crowded field of candidates who are vying for the Republican nod to run for the NY-21 Congressional District, which is expected to be decided in a special election later this year. At this time Stefanik remains in the seat and has not shared when she expects to resign.

## Who is Josh Parker?

Parker was born and raised in Canton, where he and his wife are raising four children. He said it's their future that's driving his interest in joining the fray.

"We are deeply involved in our Catholic parish and are passionate about serving our community. My core motivation is to provide our children with a bright future," he said.

Although just 27 years old, Parker said he's managed to fill the time well.

"When I was 15, I founded Parker's Maple, and grew from tapping a few trees, to being featured on Shark Tank and selling into 8,000 stores across the country and shipping millions of north country maple products all over the globe," he said. "In 2020, I sold Parker's Maple to the largest maple producer in NYS, based in the Adirondacks. The next year, I launched Parker Communications, a construction company building fiber optic internet lines to underserved areas

throughout the US. My company now employs about 100 people and are on track to do over \$50 million in revenue this year."

## A growing interest

Although Parker's never run for office, he said his interest in politics is long standing.

"While I haven't run for office, I have been very involved in Republican politics for the past decade. When I was 17, I met Charlie Kirk and spoke at his Turning Point conference in Chicago. I went on to travel the country with him for a number of years helping bring common sense conservatism to college campuses – and ultimately help win back the White House in 2024," he said. "I have been given this incredible opportunity to live the American Dream. I believe that if good people with real world experience and common sense don't step up, we could lose the country we love."

Parker said New York is an incubator of the radical left's worst ideas.

"The results speak for themselves. Our factories have closed, our family farms have emptied, and tens of thousands of illegal immigrants have flooded across our stretch of northern border. As I raise a family and grow a business, I am up close and personal to these issues every single day."

Parker says Stefanik has set a high bar, and one he'd be honored to follow.

He said that in 2013, local GOP leadership rallied around "a bold, young candidate in her late 20's."

"That decision ushered in a new generation of conservative leaders, and earned our district a seat at the table," he said. "Elected at 29, she has been an energetic fighter for our district – delivering real

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**Josh Parker**  
Congressional Candidate

results and raising the national profile of NY-21. Her status as a political outsider allowed her to approach Washington in a new way. This is the legacy I will carry on," he said.

"The people of our district deserve a representative who understands firsthand the challenges facing our families and small businesses – and is willing to fight for them both here locally and in Washington."

Parker said if there is a special election it will be an opportunity for NY21 to continue investing in Congresswoman Stefanik's legacy by again leading the nation in sending the next generation to Washington.

## Top priorities

"The issues of our district are not abstract for me - I live them every-day. We, the voters of the district, voted overwhelmingly for President Trump's America First agenda. This means creating jobs, combating inflation, and ensuring our communities are safe. Those will be my

priorities," he said.

Parker says that by lowering taxes, reducing regulations and embracing fair trade, "we will ensure American businesses and American farms are competitive and can thrive."

He says Northern New York is in an affordability crisis and while Albany wants to "spend their way out, that just adds fuel to the fire."

He said it's time to reign in government spending and lower the cost of fuel through domestic energy production.

He says the Northern border also needs some serious attention.

"As a nation, we rightfully put a lot of focus on the Southern border. But, we have a record number of illegal immigrants crossing our northern border right here in NY21. This is making our communities less safe. As Congressman, I will advocate that the US Customs & Border Patrol headquarters be moved out of Washington, DC with a Northern HQ right here in NY-21, ensuring the Swanton Sector has the resources it needs. "

## Backing the President

Parker says the way forward is multi-faced and follows President Trump's agenda.

"Promoting America First trade policies, reducing inflation by getting spending in Washington under control. Returning jobs to our district, and supporting law enforcement by increasing border security. A decade ago no one could have imagined homelessness and rampant public drug use in our communities. We need to give our law enforcement the tools they need to get people off the streets, remove those who should not be in the country, and create real jobs to give people the hope they need to par-

ticipate in the American Dream," he said.

Parker said his support for the president is longstanding, going all the way back to 2015 when he saw a GOP debate in Cleveland.

"That was when I realized President Trump was not just a candidate, but represented a movement in American politics.

"President Trump made the republican party the party of the people - committed to putting American workers and American families first. He often speaks of leading a "Common Sense Revolution" - I believe this aligns with our values and approach to life here in the north country. We do not want an inefficient government of career bureaucrats who are not accountable to voters. We want effective government, focused on the issues that matter."

Republican names under consideration for the seat include St. Lawrence County Republican Chairman Dave Forsythe, State Sen. Daniel Stec, Amsterdam businessman Anthony Constantino, Assemblyman Robert Smullen and Christopher Tague, along with Rensselaer County Executive Steven McLaughlin.

Parker's already garnered support from high profile Republicans like Charlie Kirk. Conservative State Party Chairman Jerry Kassar said that while the Conservatives within the 21st District have a preference for New York State Senator Dan Stec, he believes Parker would be a "breath of fresh air."

If a special election takes place the candidate will be decided by a vote of the County Republican Party chairs within the 21st Congressional District. The votes will be weighted based on the population.

# Hermon man indicted on drug, weapon, stolen property charges

CANTON – A Hermon man was indicted Thursday, Jan. 16, by a St. Lawrence County grand jury on drug, weapon and stolen property charges.

Brandon Dority, 37, of 53 Pleasant St., was indicted for fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, and fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property.

Court documents report that on or about July 5 in the Village

of Canton, Dority unlawfully possessed a controlled substance with the intent to sell.

It is also alleged that Dority possessed a switchblade knife in violation stemming from prior felony conviction. He also allegedly possessed stolen property with a value exceeding \$1,000.

In other grand jury action: Matthew Wilson, 25, of 1988 State Highway 310, Madrid, was indicted for third-degree criminal possession of stolen property,

third-degree grand larceny, third-degree burglary, and two counts of petit larceny.

It is alleged that on June 27 in the Town of Madrid, Wilson possessed stolen property exceeding \$3,000 in value, and on June 21 unlawfully entered a building in the Village of Canton stealing property exceeding \$3,000 in value.

Tyrone Perry, 30, of 10 Central St., Springfield, Vt. was indicted for aggravated driving while

intoxicated with a child passenger less than 15 years old.

Court documents state Perry was operating a motor vehicle in

the Town of Morristown on Sept. 19 in an intoxicated condition with a 15-year-old child in the vehicle.

# Vehicle runs border, crashes into car, home

OGDENSBURG -- The St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office say a man failed to stop at the Port of Entry in Ogdensburg, fled a sheriff's deputy and eventually crashed into a house at 115 New York Avenue.

Miguel A. Rodriguez, 35, Hunts Point, was charged with a felony count of third-degree criminal possession of stolen property, first-degree reckless endangerment, third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, fourth-degree criminal mischief, and third-degree unlawful flee a police officer in a motor vehicle.

US Customs and Border Protection agents say a red sedan with New Jersey plates failed to stop at the Ogdensburg Port of Entry when entering the United States from Canada.

A short time later a deputy observed a vehicle matching the description and attempted to conduct a vehicle stop on this vehicle.

The vehicle failed to comply with the deputy's marked unit's lights and siren.

The vehicle sped down New York Ave where the operator lost control and struck a vehicle and then drove into the house at 115 New York Ave.

Rodriguez who was taken into custody without any further incident.

Through the investigation the vehicle was found to be reported stolen out of New York City, also located in the vehicle was a high capacity ammunition magazine and Billy club which are both illegal to possess in New York State.

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# Blankenbush, Stec criticize governor following State of State address

Gov. Kathy Hochul announced her “affordability agenda” during her State of the State address Jan. 14, calling on lawmakers to take action to lift up the lower and middle-class ranks of the state.

But Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush pushed back, saying it’s time for Hochul to “walk the walk” herself.

“Today’s address painted an optimistic vision for New York but failed to address the urgent challenges residents face. The cost of living is unsustainable, with soaring housing

prices, record-high groceries and rising energy costs thanks to forced green energy initiatives. New Yorkers need bold action and real solutions, not empty rhetoric and failed promises. It’s time for Gov. Hochul to walk the walk,” Blankenbush said.

Senator Dan Stec was equally critical of Hochul in his address.

“In her State of the State Address, Governor Hochul ignored or paid lip service to the many issues facing our State. Our affordability crisis was referenced in the form of insulting,

gimmick ‘inflation checks.’ There was no vision for resolving the disastrous situation along our Northern Border. And there was no acknowledgement of the fact that bail reform has made it unsafe for New Yorkers to ride the subway, or even just go out in their community,” Stec said in a statement.

Hochul called for a tax cut for the middle class for those earning up to \$323,000 per year for joint filers, which she said is 77% of the state’s taxpayers.

According to a release from her

office, that would deliver” over \$1 billion in tax relief to more than 8.3 million taxpayers.”

Hochul also called for more tax cuts for parents, to make school lunches free for all students and to give rebates of up to \$500 to millions of residents based on their income.

The move has been lauded as a populist move by the governor at a time when her approval ratings have declined and Republicans swept their way to victory in federal elections, claiming both chambers of Congress

along with the White House.

Assemblyman Scott Gray was cautious in his reaction to Hochul’s speech, saying he was happy that tax cuts for the middle-class, affordable childcare and universal school meals were under consideration while noting that “affordability” only comes through thoughtful legislation.

He commented that Hochul’s “inflation refund” plan won’t necessarily make for more affordable living conditions for constituents.

Another proposal from the governor would also boost the agricultural industry, including cost-cutting measures that will support farmers, strengthen industry and promote “a more resilient future for New Yorkers,” she said.

Hochul said she aims to secure local food supply chains, expand affordable housing for farm help and position New York as a regional leader in fiber and maple production.

Hochul also proposed adding more state troopers to patrol the northern border, citing rising numbers of illegal crossings over the last two years as a primary concern.

In another proposal, Hochul called on lawmakers to sign off on providing a \$100 monthly benefit for expectant mothers who would then receive \$1,200 more wafter the child is born.

As for the environment, Hochul called for spending \$500 million for clean water and to invest 6 billion in water infrastructure to help lower water bills for families.

She also said she wants to fund initiatives to help New Yorkers protect homes, businesses and infrastructure from extreme weather, such as the flooding witnessed in St. Lawrence County on Aug. 9 and 10 of last year.

As for healthcare, Hochul hopes to expand access to GLP-1 medications for individuals struggling with obesity, mandate minimum standards for stand-alone dental plans to simplify and improve care, ensure access to emergency medical care and extend the Safety Net Transformation Program.

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# Freeman, Durham families describe immeasurable losses at sentencing Convicted murderer Adam Smith sentenced to life, but appeal expected

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Two family men are gone, leaving shattered lives and loved ones to mourn the time stolen from them after two brutal murders in the early months of 2023.

Ronald “Huck” Durham and William Freeman both suffered the same fate, having trusted a man that District Attorney Gary Pasqua said “deceived the two men” to gain their trust, only to take their lives “out of his own selfishness” and desire for personal gain.

The loss of the two men, both grandfathers, brothers and friends to many, has been described as “immeasurable” and “insurmountable” by those who knew them best.

Adam Smith, who was convicted of killing both men on Nov. 15, 2024, following a four-week trial, was sentenced Friday to life in prison without the possibility of parole in both murders.

Smith was also sentenced to 20 years detention with five years post release supervision on two counts of first-degree conviction, along with two to four years each for three counts of grand larceny fourth degree charges and three to six years for a grand larceny first degree charge.

Though convicted and sentenced, his defense attorney Brian Barrett informed the court he did in fact intend to appeal the ruling. Barrett said Smith had always and still maintains his innocence.

Before the sentence was laid down by Judge Greg Storie, multiple family members took an opportunity to remember the men who were stolen from them.

## Remembering Freeman

As each family member rose to

speaking, Smith stared straight ahead, seemingly refusing to acknowledge them.

Michael Freeman, William’s brother, said the loss of his brother William wrought devastation on a family still in shock and suffering grief everyday.

He detailed how the family has been forever changed, saying many members of the family “are less trusting of the general public now” and how many no longer felt safe in their own homes “even with the doors locked.”

Michael Freeman described his brother as a kind, compassionate man whose loss has been felt throughout the entire community.

“Oxbow is a small town and his loss is felt everyday,” he said.

A proud 18-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Michael Freeman said his brother was a consummate Marine who took extreme pride in his service to the nation.

Smith’s actions took the life of a proud, compassionate man who always put his family and community first, leaving an indelible impression on those who knew him, Michael Freeman said.

While Freeman’s family have found some solace in the loss of William, questions still linger and wounds have been left that will never heal, they said.

Shannon Smith, niece of William Freeman, said she still wonders everyday if she her uncle would still be alive if she had driven to his home when Adam Smith attempted to change the PIN number of William’s debit card.

She said the loss of her uncle is a pain she lives with everyday, suffering from night terrors and anxiety following Adam Smith’s actions.

Shannon Smith said she would no longer wake to the sounds of her

‘The conversation should be of happy memories to help ease the pain, not a murder investigation.’

**Betsy Brabant**  
Sister of Durham

uncle sitting at her kitchen table in the morning, drinking coffee and chatting with family members, his hearty laugh and passion for his family now missing from their gatherings.

Family members of Ronald Durham also took a moment to remember the loss of a “kind and gentle” man who was family oriented, always there to help those in need.

Described as a compassionate man who did everything he could to help those in need, Durham lost his life on Feb. 11, 2023 when Smith attacked him with a knife mere feet from the grave of his beloved wife.

In his address to the court, Pasqua called the act “the actions of a psychopath” who felt no remorse for his actions.

The loss of Durham, a beloved member of his community, is one his family members said they would feel for the rest of their lives.

**Durham remembered**

Durham’s lone surviving sibling Betsy Brabant described the loss of

her brother as the loss of a protector.

She said Smith will forever be known as a murderer for stealing her older brother, her “protector and friend.”

She said Durham’s children were his best friends, delighting in sharing moments with them whether it be on a phone call, teaching them to drive or attending family gatherings.

Feb. 11, 2023 was to be a happy day for Betsy as she was scheduled to pick out her wedding dress.

But that was not to be as her family learned of Huck’s murder.

She said she eventually celebrated her wedding day in July 2024 but the day was marred by the fact that her beloved brother was not there to see her.

Betsy said she was on the verge of graduating from nursing school as well, commenting that Huck would have been proud to see her receive her diploma. But it’s moments like that which have been taken from the family, she said.

She said no family should ever have to endure what her’s has been through. Police investigators asking them to leave their homes for police to search for evidence. Funerals held with police outside out of fear for escalations of further violence.

“The conversation should be of happy memories to help ease the pain, not a murder investigation,” she said.

She said she struggles with the idea that when Huck needed a protector most, no one was there to help him as he had been for so many others.

Holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and weddings have passed, all without Huck present.

“As our family continues to rebuild from this tragedy, there are countless reminders daily of what we have been through. Something as simple

as overwhelming anxiety,” she said.

Durham’s granddaughter Lanie spoke to the anxiety the family has felt since losing Huck, everyday activities now clouded by the thought of his murder.

She said going to the Gouverneur Stewart’s Shop has been triggering, knowing that Smith drove to the store just after murdering Huck.

“Was he washing his blood off his hands in that bathroom?” she asked.

Lanie, Huck’s “Lanie bug” as he called her, was never able to show her grandfather her prom dress, nor was he able to see her graduate high school.

He will miss her graduating college, getting married and starting a family of her own, she said.

She said she and her family all live in constant fear, “waiting for the other shoe to drop” as they continue to cope with the loss of Huck.

But worst of all, she said seeing her father suffer daily is the most difficult aspect.

“Watching my father speak of memories that seem like a lifetime ago, the way his shoulders carry invisible weights, it has transformed him. It has made simple tasks seem monumental. I think he struggles to find joy in the things he once loved and it breaks my heart to witness his sorrow,” she said.

Roughly three dozen family members of William Freeman and Ronald “Huck” Durham were in attendance as Smith was sentenced, along with a half-dozen police officers who worked the case.

Following the announcement that Smith would serve life in prison without the possibility of parole, just as the families had asked Storie to impose, a subdued celebration could be heard along with muffled cries as family members comforted each other.

# SLC Public Health director says new state hub leading to billing delays

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON -- A new state required data hub is causing billings delays and creating a chilling effect on providers and clients of St. Lawrence County Public Health early intervention services.

“It’s placing a significant burden on county staff and early intervention providers,” St. Lawrence County Public Health Director Erin Streiff told county legislators in January.

Early intervention specialists are now using a new hub for data entry and billing services but the new system has led to significant increases in labor and long delays in payments.

**October storm**

Streiff told legislators during the Services Committee meeting that the former system and new Early Intervention (EI) Hub were offline from Oct. 5, 2024, with EI Hub coming online on Oct. 14, 2024.

She said that delay created a large backlog of data entry and billing that workers are still attempting to tackle.

But the issues extend beyond that, she said.

Streiff said the new system did not properly port over information from the old system, leading to data entry errors and missing data that then gets kicked back when billing information is not complete.

Incorrect therapist roles were assigned to providers, cases were closed incorrectly, prescriptions for children to receive services were not

accurate and now to receive reimbursement those errors must be corrected, she said.

**Chilling effect**

She said the data migration issues and delays in data entry with the new system have resulted in significantly increased and unreimbursed administration time for county staff, as well as providers, which just further compounds the ongoing issue of data entry not correctly migrating to billing for vouchering, resulting in delayed payment to providers.

Further issues come into play with the new system as providers are now taking 30 to 45 minutes longer per task, which can include referrals, intake and individualized family service plan duties, “adding hours of additional work for each child enrolled.”

Streiff said the extended data entry times have still not been resolved. With providers paid per visit, she said that means they are making even less money.

“That’s the nature of the new system, it takes 30 to 45 minutes longer,” she said.

Streiff said there is already a shortage of early intervention providers but with so many issues in the new system, she said she is concerned the number of providers could decline further as they seek new employment opportunities.

“There is even less incentive to stay in the field,” she said.

County officials say the delays and errors have impacted services for the children, with one agency placing a temporary hold on mul-

tidisciplinary evaluations and one service provider no longer accepting early intervention referrals. They say that only further delays existing waits for services to children.

**Months behind**

Legislator Rita Curran called into question the delay in reimbursement for providers due to the state system.

“For the public’s information, how far behind are some providers when it comes to billing?” she asked.

“Several months for some,” Streiff said.

Curran said she was aware of some providers who had not been paid since October or were only receiving partial payments.

“They’re only getting a fraction when they get paid,” Curran said.

She commented that early intervention is not a “high paying, high profit margin field.”

“Most do this out of the kindness of their heart,” she said.

Streiff said many do not know how many can continue to work with the system as it is.

“They have their own bills to pay, their own children to feed,” she

said.

Legislator Nicole Terminelli said she was aware of a larger group of early intervention specialists who were advocating for the system to be fixed.

**Losing clients**

She said some had informed her that the data migration led to a number of clients being sent to providers who had never seen them before.

“There are confidentiality issues there,” she said.

Terminelli commented that “hordes” were leaving the field to find work elsewhere due to lack of payments.

She said it’s important the county step in and inform the state about the issues and how the new system continues to exacerbate them.

But Legislator Harry Smithers wanted clarification of where the request for assistance would go.

“We’re talking about sending it to ‘the state’ but that’s a big place. Where will this go?” he asked.

Streiff said the resolution would be forwarded specifically to the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention

but said she was open to recommendations regarding who else to send the resolution to.

County officials say it is essential the state DoH takes action to ensure functionality of the EI Hub to curtail the loss of early intervention providers.

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**GAS...**

**County wants state to investigate high prices**

would likely be higher for a gas station since “it’s not on a major route,” yet the prices are consistently lower.

“That removes supply and demand and competition out of the equation,” he said.

Denesha said the difference in sales tax, which is a modest 1% between Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties, has virtually no effect on pricing and noted that all other taxes on fuel are the same between both counties.

“I don’t know if it’s price gouging or fixing but I suspect it’s more than price fixing,” he said.

While Denesha suggested possible price fixing and other factors, Legislator Ben Hull said he was of the belief that a price fixing scheme is a level of sophistication that is “mind boggling” and not likely in this case.

Hull said he was of the belief that a free market was the best way to avoid price gouging.

He said with so many fuel suppliers and so many unrelated sellers of fuel, it is highly unlikely that such a scheme existed.

Hull said it was his hope the investigation would remove any doubt as to whether collusion was a factor.

“If there is an influence making it not a free and fair market, we need to remove that obstacle,” he said.

Chairman David Forsythe said that as long as he has been in office, fuel prices remain the topic he hears about most.

“I would say of all my years this is my number one topic,” he said.

He said he has many friends who own gas stations and has learned a great deal from them, raising many questions along the way.

“I look forward to seeing what the investigation shows,” he said.

Forsythe said the increased prices throughout St. Lawrence County lead him to believe that some business owners are profiting significantly more than originally thought.

He commented that he believed the investigation would show “a fine line between capitalism and price gouging.”

Legislator Margaret Haggard took a moment to “stand up for academia,” citing the 2023 presentation as a multi-faceted review of the factors that lead to pricing disparities.

She said the presentation elaborated far beyond a simple supply and demand formula, tying in

transportation costs and distance traveled as well.

Despite that, she said it was “conspicuous” that prices in Franklin County remain so much lower, despite transportation costs likely being very close to or the same.

She said she is not ruling out collusion or price fixing at all.

“Since people got very used to fixing prices or gouging after COVID...they (figured they) could keep people in a spot where they’re going to pay it,” she said.

Legislator Glenn Webster, who is also a local businessman, said he had looked into adding gas pumps in the past and found that each supplier had different plans which could lead to price increases.

He commented that suppliers like Econo Fuels offer plans to supply pumps and tanks, which businesses then pay for with increased prices on fuel.

“The cost of putting them in is really falling to the customer in that case,” he said.

Webster commented that other budget options for fuel deliveries may also drive up the cost of fuel.

He said the different plans, especially those for equipment purchases, are “a bit of a loophole” in a gray area.

Legislator Jim Reagen, who was critical of the pricing disparity in 2023 as well, said it is imperative the legislature take action beyond sending a letter to Albany.

He said the state AG has a responsibility and is authorized to investigate potential consumer fraud allegations and price fixing.

“I would suggest that we, in addition to passing the resolution and sending them a piece of paper, we direct the county attorney to speak to the Attorney General’s representative in Watertown,” he said.

Reagen said by reaching out directly to the AG’s office, it would be more likely to yield an investigation.

“Sometimes you have to do more than send the sheet of paper,” Reagen said.

He commented that the office has time for “all sorts of other investigations.”

“They’ve got time to do all sorts of other investigations, how about doing something else that will help the working class,” he said.

**RESIGNING...**

**Village headed in wrong direction, Warr says**

and requests for additional up-to-date financial information at several village board meetings, as well as concerns at the lack of a village audit for the last two years. [Village officials have canned their previ-

ous audit company and have been reviewing Request for Proposal submissions from two new firms and are expected to make a choice soon.]

At the meetings, Tirion has expressed that she did not feel that her requests of the village administration for updated financial status reports were being met. While she did not cite her frustrations in her letter of resignation, the situation has also bothered the deputy mayor.

“She is not being heard or listened to. Instead she is being chastised. I just find that terribly disrespectful,” Warr said.

Warr said he also believes the focus of the village board should be on current problems and issues the board has been working on for the last few years, not on reforming the parks and recreation departments into one entity. “The parks and rec thing is just not well thought through. Strike one,” he said.

“Strike 2. When they aren’t going to listen to 15 years experience. And, they certainly didn’t value Monique’s contribution. They attacked it,” he said.

“They (village employees) don’t have the experience. Alex (Jacobs Wilke, village mayor) is doing a great job as mayor,” Warr said. “But she is trusting her employees far more than I do.”

“I don’t think the direction we are going is sustainable,” Warr said. He said in regards to the recent parks and rec department merger, the move would leave the Department of Public Works shorthanded.

The trustee said there needs and wants among village elected officials and department heads.

“I think we are acquiescing to the wants,” he said.

Warr said two notable projects the village has been eyeing and preparing for for years are the rehabilitation of the Pine Street Arena complex which is in need of repair and rerouting the Lowes water tower supply back into the village system. Both of those projects have been put on the back burner it seems, Warr feels. “Parks and rec is the wrong focus,” he said.

Warr said he feels that village employees and department heads work for elected board members, but that script has been flipped.

“I wholeheartedly agree with Monique,” he said. “It’s time to realize my time on the board has passed. About a year I’ve been thinking about it, but the situation with Monique just exacerbated it.”

“The thing is, I’m 65 and I’ve been on there for 15 years. I wasn’t going to run again in November,” Warr said. “I felt that after all this time, it was time to retire and spend some time traveling with my wife while we are still healthy.”

“And there were just too many things I didn’t agree with,” he said.

Warr’s retirement was effective

Jan. 16.

Mayor Alexandra Jacobs Wilke told North Country This Week that she had received Warr’s retirement letter.

“Trustee Warr’s years of service to the Village of Potsdam and to the community at large are greatly appreciated, and do not go unnoticed. I will always appreciate the opportunity to have worked alongside him, and wish him all the best in retirement,” Wilke said.

“I have full faith in our Trustees and in our dedicated staff, as we continue to work to move the Village forward,” the mayor told North Country This Week.

**Trustee steps down**

Warr’s retirement follows just a few days after the resignation of Trustee Monique Tirion last week.

Tirion, a research professor in physics at Clarkson University and an American Physical Society (APS) Blewett award winner, submitted a letter of resignation to the mayor and circulated it to the editor of North Country This Week as well.

“It has been an unparalleled honor and privilege to serve as your elected representative on the Village Board. I will treasure the experience always: learning the brilliant design of representative democracy with its amazing inner self-regulatory ability of checks and balances. I always felt humbled by the experience and thank you, the voters, for having entrusted me with this position,” Tirion wrote.

“It is with regret that I announce retiring from the position early. My term officially ends in December, but unfortunately, circumstances have changed and I hope that future representatives can carry on effectively,” Tirion said.

Tirion has been a vocal advocate of changing the village’s water and sewer billing policy and method to what could be argued is a more equitable situation for landowners.

She has also been a vocal critic of the village’s lack of an annual audit for the last two years, and what she feels is a lack of monthly financial information that the board could use to inform their regular expenditure approvals.

At the board’s Jan. 6 meeting for instance, Tirion again expressed frustration with what she feels are inadequate monthly financial reports.

**Village angle**

For its part, the village adopted a new budgeting and financial software package just last year, which village officials have said improves financial transparency and access for the trustees. The village also hired a new treasurer Erica Leonard a couple months ago to replace former treasurer Isabelle Gates-Shult, who was promoted to village administrator last year. At the Jan.

6 meeting Gates-Shult tried to address Tirion’s concerns and said that her office and the office of the treasurer was available to answer any financial questions or concerns that trustees might have regarding finances.

“I received Trustee Tirion’s resignation, which will be effective Jan. 20, 2025, early this morning. The letter has been submitted to the County Board of Elections accordingly,” Mayor Alexandra Jacobs Wilke told North Country This Week.

“I respect Trustee Tirion’s decision and understand that she is simply driven by a desire to seek the best for the Village of Potsdam. I have always appreciated her commitment to researching issues thoroughly and seeking out best practices. On behalf of the Village of Potsdam, I would like to thank her for her service and wish her all the best moving forward,” Wilke said.

While no one has been picked to step into either of the two open board spots, Wilke said the public would be notified about appointments to the open seats to fill out the unexpired terms once they are made.

In the meantime, the board still has a quorum with three members seated. As long as all three are present at meetings village business can still be conducted.

**HISTORIAN...**

**Mayor says replacement has big shoes to fill**

four candidates who were all interviewed by Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley, Mayor Michael Dalton, Deputy Mayor Anna Sorensen, and Deputy Town Supervisor John Taillon.

“I am pleased with the results of the search process. The committee had a tough decision to make from a pool of good candidates. Casey has a strong skill set and will continue the legacy that has been built and serve the Town and Village of Canton very well,” stated Ashley.

Denis is a north country native and lives in Potsdam, holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Sports Management and has worked at Frazer Computing for several years and Cappello and Linden Law Firm,” Ashley noted.

“His passion is history, research and writing. We wholeheartedly welcome Casey to the team and look forward to the continued preservation of local history, gathering, evaluating and interpreting our archives; analyzing information; interfacing with the public; updating records; and educating and documenting the past through a variety of publications,” added Ashley.

“There will be a transition period from Jan. 27 to Feb. 5 as it is a 19 hour per week position and several systems need to be set up. Once the transition is complete, Casey will announce department hours,” she said.

An hourly rate was set at \$20.24 per hour.

Mayor Dalton said the search committee interviewed a solid group of candidates and that the decision was a tough one.

“I was pleased that we had very good candidates to interview and choose from. It’s nice that we found someone that knows the north country well and has the skills we were looking for. The replacement for Linda Casserly has big shoes to fill,” stated Dalton.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Amish buggies difficult to see

I drive back and forth from Canton to Ogdensburg most days. Every day when I am leaving work, I see an Amish buggy without an orange triangle and sometimes I narrowly miss causing an accident because I'm trying to avoid it at the last moment.

While I am glad to be able to travel back and forth, I am not glad to feel like I am risking my life or someone else's by doing so.

Please put something on the back of your buggy so I can see you. It doesn't matter if it's an orange triangle or not. Just put some kind of bright light on it or paint the back a bright color (the back is the only part I can see).

Just something that will register

with my tired brain that it's something that is trying to travel on the road and not part of the scenery.

I think it's great to have a different way of life. My way of life just happens to involve driving a large vehicle at 60 mph and I don't want to endanger anyone else's life.

Elizabeth Schneider  
Canton

### With Musk, follow the money

In 2018, Trump ally Steve Bannon confessed, "The real opposition is the media. And the way to deal with them is to flood the zone with shit."

Jonathan Rauch explained, "This is not about persuasion: This is about disorientation." "Flooding the zone" is why so many of us find the news is just too much today.

It's very effective.

But "flooding the zone" also distracts and causes us to "look over there," while missing "what's happening here." So what are we looking at "over there" and missing "here"?

Try this: The world's richest billionaire, Elon Musk, recently used his X account and some disinformation to thwart a bipartisan funding bill, threatening to use his wealth (over \$400 billion, up \$136 billion since the election) to primary any Republicans supporting the bill. President-Elect Trump echoed Musk 15 hours later.

This bizarre experience of an unelected billionaire calling the shots ahead of the President-Elect led to mocking references of "President Musk" and a chaotic near government shutdown before a third scaled-down bill was passed. This "flooding of the zone over there" story is well known; what's lesser known is what Musk gained "here" in the final bill.

First, a limitation on "out-bound investment" in China was removed: According to Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D, CT), this bipartisan provision would have kept innovation and manufacturing in the U.S., including many taxpayer funded innovations.

Musk will benefit; he has invested billions into his Shanghai, China "gigafactory," which produced 50% of 2024 Teslas.

Nearby, Tesla recently broke ground on a \$200 million EV battery factory; large battery manufacturing was one of the technologies to be subject to this now deleted provision of the funding bill.

While you were looking "over there" at memes mocking "President Musk," Musk successfully eliminated oversight on his investments in China. Who's laughing now?

Also deleted was continued funding of the U.S. agency that since 2016 has been tracking foreign disinformation, especially from Russia and China. As a result, this agency closed on December 23. Done.

While the turmoil over the

budget passing "flooded the zone" while you prepared for the holidays, Musk successfully eliminated oversight of one of our nation's greatest purveyors of foreign disinformation: his own X platform, formerly Twitter.

As citizens, we must see what's happening "here" behind the "flooding of the zone over there." The old adage holds true: Follow the money. (And stay tuned.)

Mike Zagrobelny, Chair  
and Ginger Storey-Welch, Vice-Chair  
of St. Lawrence County Democrats

### Food pantry thanks Lights on the River

The Norfolk Raymondville Food Pantry (NRFP) would like to express their sincere appreciation to The Lights on the River for their recent donation of three large boxes of non-perishable food, 16 cases of Pepsi Products and a check for \$1,200.

Thank you to the sponsors of this event, as well as all the families who visited this year. Additional thanks to Pepsi Cola Bottlers of Ogdensburg for their donation of Pepsi products  
Clint Taylor and other LOTR

Board members and volunteers give so generously of their time in December (when time seems to be a most precious commodity!) to host this event on the bitter cold shores of the St. Lawrence River at Lisbon Beach Campground, not only for the holiday entertainment for the families who drive through to admire the beautiful displays, but mainly to raise much needed funds for 16 food pantries in St. Lawrence County.

That's right, the week before Christmas, when the rest of us are finishing up our holiday shopping or in our warm kitchens baking holiday cookies, these people are out braving the cold winds off Lisbon Beach hosting this event, as well as making necessary repairs on displays that have been damaged by the winds, snow and sleet.

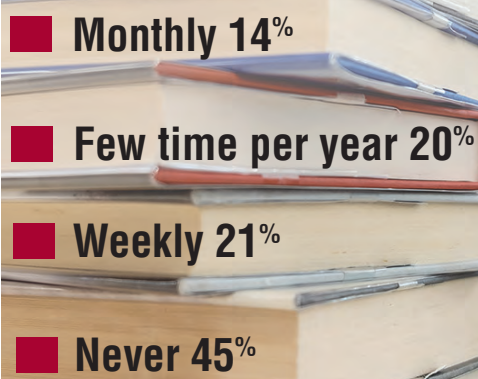
We are so appreciative of this group of unsung heroes for all they do to help local food pantries address the issue of food insecurity of families and individuals in St. Lawrence County.

Thank you Lights on the River for 15 wonderful years of support. Keep the lights shining.

Wendy Chambers  
Norfolk Raymondville Food Pantry

## NCNOW SURVEY

### Majority does not typically visit local libraries



Debbie Morgan | NCTW

Last week's question

## How often do you typically visit your local library

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## Schumer secures \$32 million for Corning's Canton facility expansion

175 construction jobs, 130 full-time manufacturing jobs expected

CANTON -- Senator Chuck Schumer has helped secure \$32 million for Corning Incorporated's expansion project, a crucial investment to incorporate the facility into a planned "semiconductor highway."

In a press release today, Jan. 16, Schumer said the funding is a direct result of the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Law that will ensure billions of dollars are invested in the U.S. semiconductor industry.

In total, the expansion at Corning's Canton plant should lead to the creation of 130 new, high-paying manufacturing jobs, Schumer said.

"\$32 million from my bipartisan CHIPS & Science Law for Corning's job-creating expansion making specialized glass essential for semiconductors in the North Country is now locked in! Today the feds have signed the deal to say America's

future in glass for the semiconductor industry should be made in Canton, not China," said Senator Schumer.

"With the funding now signed and sealed, Corning's \$315 million, 300+ job investment can move forward knowing the funding will be secured for them no matter the administration. The specialized glass made right here in Canton is used in some of the most advanced machinery in the world critical to making microchips we need for technology we use every day, from our phones to our computers and cars, as well as to technology like AI. This finalized agreement is a win-win: for the North Country and America."

Specifically, Corning plans to increase the production of High Purity Fused Silica and Ultra Low Expansion Glass, which are key components of deep ultraviolet (DUV)

and extreme ultraviolet (EUV) lithography machines and photomasks. DUV and EUV technology are essential to semiconductor manufacturing, and this project will improve EUV performance and help ensure a lower carbon footprint.

Schumer was in the North Country last November to announce the \$32 million investment in Corning's Canton facility.

With the funding now secured, Schumer said facility upgrades and expansion will also create about 175 construction jobs just in the area as well.

The Department of Commerce will disburse funds in the coming years as Corning meets project milestones agreed to in the final award.

Schumer said the investment in Corning will usher in a new phase in manufacturing for the North Country.

## SeaComm donates \$10,000 to NCCM in Potsdam

POTSDAM - SeaComm Federal Credit Union recently donated \$10,000 to the North Country Children's Museum (NCCM), located in Potsdam. The funds will sponsor the Infant Playroom, a key element of the museum's second floor expansion.

Initially, the museum started as a pop up exhibit, traveling to local

festivals and businesses. In 2018, their permanent space opened at 12 Raymond Street. The museum's mission to provide a cultural and educational center for families by promoting children's creativity, fostering inquiry and support learning through active hands-on exhibits, workshops and programs will be amplified with the addition

of exhibit space on their new second floor. With the help of local donors, like SeaComm, the museum's growth means great things for families in the North Country. "We are so grateful to community partners like SeaComm for sponsoring new exhibits and spaces coming to the Children's Museum's expanded second floor. With this donation to the infant play area, we are able to open the Family Resource Room in the coming weeks. We are really excited about the programming coming to this needed community space." Sharon Vegh Williams, PhD, Executive Director, NCCM.

## Canton Jrecks has free delivery

CANTON — Good news for all sub lovers in Canton.

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Submitted Photo

Pictured above Allison and Jeremy Carney, owners of Brick & Mortar Music.

## Potsdam's Brick & Mortar Music keeps the beat alive for 10 years

POTSDAM - What started as a passion for music has turned into a decade-long legacy in Potsdam, as Brick & Mortar Music celebrates 10 years of supporting local musicians and schools.

Brick & Mortar Music recently marked their tenth business anniversary. David Thurlow, Village of Potsdam economic developer, recently presented a proclamation signed by Mayor Alexandra Jacobs Wilke to Jeremy and Allison Carney, to celebrate the milestone.

Jeremy and Allison Carney have been lifelong music enthusiasts, who began careers in the music industry, for Jeremy in 1997 and Allison in 2001, at a time when school music programs were flourishing and new technologies and

products were being introduced.

"Jeremy and Allison have made extensive contributions supporting the arts, education and small business over the past decade," said Melanie Flack, executive director of the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce. "They have formed a strong relationship with the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, speaking in classes for the music business and music education programs, supplying books and accessories for courses, offering invaluable internships, and sponsoring performances on campus and in the community."

In 2015, Brick & Mortar Music opened its doors at 15 Market St. offering a place where beginners, hobbyists and professionals alike could seek musical products with the help of staff.

Their business filled a void left by the closing of the long-time downtown Potsdam business Northern Music & Video, where they had previously been employed.

Today Brick & Mortar Music serves more than 40 school districts and over 100 teachers within a 100-mile radius across Northern New York, offering school supplies, books, instruments and accessories to meet the needs of each program, as well as an instrumental rental program that provides access to band and orchestra instruments.

They donate countless hours of technical support and volunteer work to bring in 40 musical acts in three days during the annual Potsdam Summer Festival, attracting hundreds of visitors to the community each year," Flack said.

They are a member of the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce.

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## FrostyFest contest slated for Ives Park

POTSDAM – Potsdam’s Annual FrostyFest: Snowman Competition will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25 in Ives Park.

This free community-wide event is sponsored by the North Country Children’s Museum, SLC Arts, and the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce.

Come build a snowman, snow woman, or snow creature with your family and friends. Free registration will open at 11am in the Ives Park Gazebo.

Judging begins at 12:30 p.m.

Awards will be announced and prizes for winners will take place at 1 p.m.

Bring items from home to make your snow creation unique.

Prizes will be awarded for: Best in Snow, People’s Choice, Most Artistic, Most Comedic, and Most North Country.

There will be awards in all categories for both “family with kids” and “adult groups”.

Children, families, high school and college students, adults, groups, and individuals are welcome and encouraged to participate and stroll through the park.

Free coffee and hot chocolate in the gazebo are donated by Jernabi Coffeehouse. Free cookies and s’mores are donated by Price Chopper. There will be fire pits in the park for roasting your s’more treats and warming up. For kids, there will be a Winter Story Walk by the Potsdam Public Library.

Gift card prizes for winning snowmen are donated by Big Spoon Kitchn, yr Airport Diner, the Children’s Museum, Potsdam Chamber, and SLCArts. No snow date is Saturday, February 1st.

Info: <https://northcountrychildrensmuseum.org/events/>.



NCNow photo

Natalia Singer, on right, listens at the ‘People’s March’ in Potsdam, before she herself speaks about the newly formed North Country Neighbors for Civic Engagement, or NoCo Neighbors.

## More than 100 participate in People’s March in downtown Potsdam

BY CHERYL SHUMWAY  
North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- In solidarity with The People’s March in Washington, D.C., over 100 local residents held a demonstration Saturday in Potsdam.

The event started with participants chanting, holding flags and signs as they marched around downtown Potsdam.

“Justice for all - No one is Above the Law,” “Keep Abortion Safe & Legal,” “Save our Planet,” “Tax the Rich,” “Protect Democracy,” and “Save SNAP Benefits” were among the messages on signs.

The signs showed a wide variety of concerns with the incoming administration, from standing up for democracy and justice, to equal rights, abortion rights, tax equity, and a clean planet.

A sign that may have best summarized the message from the speakers following the march was “We Only Lose If We Stop Fighting.”

The speeches talked of the anticipated impacts the new Presidential administration will have on different segments of our society.

“We’re fighting child poverty. The state has a mandate to reduce child poverty by half in ten years,” said Speaker Raamitha Pillay, local organizer for the Poor

People’s Campaign.

The Poor People’s Campaign is pressuring the government to fund the Child Poverty Reduction Act by fairly taxing billionaires and rich corporations, she said.

Jonel Beauvais, of Akwesasne, spoke of the power of a good mind and good heart.

“If you are walking around with love and authenticity, you are a very dangerous human being,” Beauvais said.

North Country Neighbors for Civic Engagement, or NoCo Neighbors, is a new group being formed locally, explained speaker Natalia Singer.

The purposes are to “to protect our democracy and also reach out and be really good allies for the most vulnerable groups in the North Country,” said Singer.

NoCo Neighbors is planning to put out a newsletter once a seek with bite-size political actions that can be taken to support these goals, she said.

Laurena Will, Pastor of the Ogdensburg Presbyterian Church, said, “Mindfulness, a plan to care for oneself and prepare for the unknown is needed before we can care for others.”

“As Martin Luther King, Jr. taught us, we have to have conversations and work for education and relationships. Together we do the hard work of righting this ship,” she said.

## Carnegie 10 series to screen French film

CANTON – St. Lawrence University’s Carnegie 10 International Film Series will feature “Coup de Chance” on Thursday, Jan. 30, 6-7:30 p.m. in Carnegie 10.

Free and open to the public. Language: French with English subtitles. Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhcohoKRvvg>.

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This movie is about the important role chance and luck play in our lives. Fanny (Lou de Laage) and Jean (Melvil Poupaud) look like the ideal married couple - they’re both professionally accomplished, they live in a gorgeous apartment in Paris,

and they seem to be in love just as much as they were when they first met. But when Fanny accidentally bumps into Alain (Niels Schneider), a former high school classmate, she’s swept off her feet. They soon see each other again and get closer and closer.

### BRIEFLY

#### Lunar New Year Performance

POTSDAM — Come celebrate the Lunar New Year with a free musical and literary event for all ages on Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Potsdam Public Library. Musical performances will be given by Crane School of Music students and faculty. Also, children’s stories will be read by Maria Morrison, Potsdam library’s Family Literacy Specialist. The event is designed to increase cultural awareness and understanding in the North Country.



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## Open mic night hosted at Creative Spirit Center

POTSDAM — Are you a performer, poet, musician, or storyteller looking for a supportive space to share your craft?

The Open Mic Night at the Creative Spirit invites artists of all kinds to showcase their talents in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Whether you bring a song, a poem, an instrument, or simply your voice, this is a space to express yourself and connect with others.

Open Mic Night takes place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6 p.m.

Hosted by board member Keri Strock and Crane professor Nate Strock, the evening fosters creativity, collaboration, and community.

A keyboard is available on-site for those who wish to use it.

Info: [arts@slcartscouncil.org](mailto:arts@slcartscouncil.org).

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# WHAT'S GOING ON

## FRIDAY, JAN. 24

**Book swap in Potsdam**  
**POTSDAM** -- "Cocoa & Covers, 'an adult book swap, will be held Friday, Jan. 24, from 5-7 p.m. at the Potsdam Public Library. The free event will include hot cocoa and cider, a book exchange and trivia. Join the Emerging Professionals of St. Lawrence County for a book exchange. No worries if you don't have a book to bring to the event. RSVP here: <https://forms.office.com/r/EPDMGvrvkVE> .

**Audition workshop**  
**POTSDAM** - A two-part audition workshop with Jessica Ammirati will be held Jan. 24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 26 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at SLC Arts Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St. Whether you're a seasoned performer or just starting out, Jessica's experience across stage management, design, writing, and directing will give you the insights you need to shine. Cost: \$35 Register at: <https://slc-arts-council.myshopify.com/products/audition-workshop-with-jess-ammirati> .

## SAT., JAN. 25

**Adult Bible study group**  
**CANTON** - The Good News Fellowship group will gather to read, study and discuss the Bible for comprehension every Saturday at 30 Court Street starting at 12:15. Good News Fellowship is a non-denominational group that welcomes thoughtful discussion. Look for a sign in the parking lot. Free Bibles available. Info: (315) 229-8264.

**FrostyFest**  
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creation unique. Prizes will be awarded. Free coffee and hot chocolate. Free cookies and s'mores. Fire pits in the park for roasting your s'more treats and warming up. For kids, there will be a Winter Story Walk by the Potsdam Public Library.

**Jewelry making**  
**POTSDAM** - The Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St., will host an Artist Guild Jewelry Making Workshop on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2-3:30 p.m. Available to ages 11 & up. Email [mpamell@potsdamlibrary.org](mailto:mpamell@potsdamlibrary.org) to save a seat. .

**Meet your NLA neighbors**  
**NORWOOD** -- The Norwood Lake Association will host "Meet your NLA neighbors" on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Norwood American Legion, 10 Maple St., from 3-6 p.m. Snacks provided and cash bar. The organization welcomes both members & interested non members to stop by to chat with board members and neighbors. NLA is a lake & surrounding communities nonprofit that is free to join; it operates the only community based recycling center in northern New York, and also supports other organizations and families.

**Open skate**  
**CANTON** -- Open skate is being held at Canton Recreation Pavilion Saturday, Jan. 25, from 7:00 p.m.-8:20 p.m. Admission is \$2 and skate rentals are \$3.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 26**  
**Audition workshop**  
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**Ski lessons**  
**COLTON** -- Four sequential adult cross-country ski lessons will be given at Higley State Park on Sundays starting Jan. 19 and finishing on Feb. 9 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. All abilities are welcome. We will also teach skate skiing to the intermediate group. The Jan. 19 lesson is free and the remaining 3 lessons cost \$30 total. You can rent skis in advance at the Park HQ for \$7/session. Info: [Nordicmasters@higleyfriends.org](mailto:Nordicmasters@higleyfriends.org).

**Fundraiser Concert**  
**POTSDAM** - A fundraising concert for the Potsdam Humane Society will be held at Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St., on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 1 p.m. The Riverside Brass Quartet will perform classical music and jazz to raise money for the Potsdam Humane Society. The quartet is made up of Pete Popiel (tuba), Paul Buell (trumpet), Glenn Roberts (trumpet), and Andrew Crecco (trombone).

**Kids disabilities program**  
**CANTON** - The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton is partnering with the Cerebral Palsy Association of the North Country, Sunday, Jan. 26, at 10:30 a.m. to offer, "Kids on the Block" and "Making Friends" presentations to kindergarten through 3rd/4th graders to help children learn to understand and accept people with developmental disabilities. The presentation will include puppets and "helping tools" such as wheelchairs, crutches, a white cane, and a guide dog. Free and welcoming to all.

**Winter storytime**  
**POTSDAM** - A "Sunday Story Time: Winter Wonderland" will be held every Sunday at 1 p.m. in Potsdam Public Library's children's section for specially themed stories, singing, and crafts. The stories for January 26 are: "Winter," "Animals in a Winter Wonderland," and "Is This... Winter?" This program is recommended for children ages 3 to 9. Please contact Lydia Custer for any questions at: [custerl@clarkson.edu](mailto:custerl@clarkson.edu), or (607)-745-391.

## MONDAY, JAN. 27

**Privacy class**  
**MADRID** -- "Protect your personal information" is a presentation and workshop offered to seniors ages 60 and over at the Hepburn Library of Madrid Monday, Jan. 27, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome. AARP and Senior Planet are presenting the event with certified instructors at no charge Registration: 315.266.3258 or [madlib@ncls.org](mailto:madlib@ncls.org).

**Craft night**  
**NORFOLK** -- Join the Hepburn Library of Norfolk, 1 Hepburn St., every Monday from 4-8 p.m. for Open Craft Night. Bring whatever you're working on and have some fun alongside friends old and new. The library's Maker Space has a Cricut, Sewing Machine, and more. Free!

**Ham radio licensing**  
**POTSDAM** -- There will be an FCC ham radio licensing exam offered Monday night Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Interested candidates should meet in the Potsdam Town Hall at 18 Elm St. Bring photo ID, your FRN provided by the FCC and \$15 for testing fee.

**Kids winter clothes drive**  
**POTSDAM** - A kids winter clothes drive at Potsdam Public Library will be held Monday, Jan. 27-Friday, Jan. 31, during library hours. The two-part program begins Monday, Jan. 27th, when community members will find a clothes drive box in the library lobby, located at 2 Park Street in Potsdam. Come give what you can during normal library hours until Friday, January 31. The community can come and take what they need on Feb. 15 from 10AM-3PM in the library's mezzanine classroom. Info: [bishopak206@potsdam.edu](mailto:bishopak206@potsdam.edu) .

**TUESDAY, JAN. 28**  
**Evening book club**  
**POTSDAM** - Potsdam Public Library's evening book club will gather Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6-8 p.m. For the month of January the club will meet in the PPL mezzanine classroom to discuss Dinner for Vampires by Bethany Joy Lenz.

**Ice dyeing workshop**  
**POTSDAM** - An ice dyeing workshop will be held at SLC Arts Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St., on Jan. 28 from 6-8 p.m. Learn the basics of ice dyeing with the master, Ginny Burnett. Bring your own 100% cotton tee shirts or other dyeable items. Cost: \$25 Register at <https://slc-arts-council.myshopify.com/products/basic-earring-workshop-with-ginny-burnett-copy> .

**Winter animal walk**  
**RENSELAEER FALLS** -- A winter animal walk will be held Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 9 a.m. at Indian Creek Nature Center, 770 CR 14. Bring snowshoes if you have them (there will be some to borrow) and binoculars, and dress appropriately. The event leader will be Tom Langen, Biology Department at Clarkson University.

**WEDS., JAN. 29**  
**Community meeting**  
**CANTON** - The Canton Community Center committee will meet Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 6 p.m. in the Riley Room at the Canton Pavilion to initiate 2025 efforts in the further establishment of guidelines required in developing programs to be a part of the Canton Community Center Project.

**Goodwill luncheon**  
**NORWOOD** -- St. Philip's Episcopal Church is hosting its monthly goodwill luncheon Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 42 South Main St. Includes hot meatball subs, fresh salads, chips, and a sweet dessert, served free of charge. All are welcome.

**Race Your RC Car**  
**NORFOLK** -- Bring your Electric RC Car to Norfolk library hall at 2:30 p.m. and race against your friends! We'll set up a

course with some jumps and obstacles. We won't have prizes... but we will have cookies! Best for ages 6-11. Free!

**Education seminar series**  
**POTSDAM** -- SUNY Potsdam will continue its Disciplined Inquiry in Education Seminar Series with Professor Dr. Laura Brown, chair of the Department of Teacher Education, giving a free talk at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 29. In-person sessions will be offered in the Rebecca V. Sheard Literacy Center balcony, with a virtual viewing option available via Zoom. Virtual presentations will be offered via Zoom. The series is open to the public.

**Writers Group meets**  
**POTSDAM** - A free writers group meeting will be held Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. at SLC Arts Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St. A welcoming space for writers of all levels and genres to connect, share, and grow. .

**THURS., JAN. 30**  
**Carnegie 10 film series**  
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**Model railroading talk**  
**NORFOLK** -- Norfolk Library will host a free talk about model railroading at 4 p.m. and discuss the possibility of a small, portable model railroad in the library. All are welcome.

**Partnering in your care**  
**POTSDAM** -- Rochester Regional Health's St. Lawrence Region is hosting a "partnering in your care," discussion session on Thursday, January 30, 10 a.m., in Conference Room A/B at Canton-Potsdam Hospital, 50 Leroy Street. To register share your name, phone number, and indicate which location/date you will be attending by calling (and leaving a message) at 315-261-5413, or [emailingcorporatecommunications@rochesterregional.org](mailto:emailingcorporatecommunications@rochesterregional.org). Please RSVP by Friday, January 24.

**Weekly walk**  
**POTSDAM** - The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) will host its weekly walk on the Red Sandstone Access Roads on Thurs., Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, at 7:30 a.m. The group will walk the dirt access roads for approximately 2 miles, 1 hour round trip, easy. Meet at the Red Sandstone trailhead, north entrance parking lot off Back Hannawa Road (CR59) between Potsdam and Hannawa Falls. Contact Marianne Hebert, [hebertm@potsdam.edu](mailto:hebertm@potsdam.edu) or 315-265-0756.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 31**  
**Launch day**  
**CANTON** - SUNY Canton will expand entrepreneurship education with North Country Launch Day on Jan. 31. Launch Day is an intensive one-day workshop helping college students discover entrepreneurship and learn what it takes to transform ideas into viable businesses.

**Tyler Lemieux performs**  
**CANTON** - Tyler Lemieux will perform Jan. 31, 7-10 p.m. at the Cellar 25B, 25B Main St. Bourbon, spirits, wine, cocktails charcuterie, and more will be sold.

**WoNoCo Speaker Series**  
**POTSDAM** - SLC Arts Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St., will present the WoNoCo Speaker Series featuring Dr. Cindi Mondesir on Jan. 31 from 6-7 p.m. A speaker series given by women living and thriving in the North Country aimed to empower all. In addition to the collaborative installation "The Dinner Party: Judy Chicago Reimagined," SLC is hosting a speaker series that will further enhance the impact of the project.

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Cast members during a recent dress rehearsal for Colton-Pierrepont's upcoming "The Little Mermaid, Jr." production.

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## 'The Little Mermaid, Jr.' on Colton-Pierrepont stage this Saturday

COLTON – Colton-Pierrepont High School Musical Program will present "The Little Mermaid, Jr." on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 26 at 1 p.m. at Colton-Pierrepont Central School Saturday. Call 315-262-2100 for tickets.

The students are busy preparing for their performance of "The Little Mermaid Jr." Fifteen students from grades 7-12 make up this ensemble cast, as well as sixth-grade students

on stage crew.

Featuring the vocal talents of sophomore Johnny Andrews-Perry as Ariel, senior Ryelee Rutkauskas as the sea witch Ursula, senior Meridyth Clark as the crustacean Sebastian, freshman Shea Charleson as Flounder, Mackenna Fisher as Scuttle and a talented cast it is a must-see show. Tickets and more information available by emailing [cprescott@cpcs.us](mailto:cprescott@cpcs.us) or by calling 315-262-2100.

## Adult/Child Book Club in Potsdam starting

POTSDAM — A new Adult/Child Book Club will be starting this week at Potsdam Public Library by Mrs. Morrison, Family Literacy Specialist.

The book club will meet January 28, and Feb. 11 and 18 from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. The program is designed for children at middle school reading level and up and any 18 and up adult who wishes to join them.

The goal is to build "how to read literature" muscles, hone communication skills, and develop emotional

intelligence in all participants.

Each participant will receive a free copy of the assigned book. The first book will be "Memories and Life Lessons From the Magic Treehouse." Enrollment is limited to five pairs. If you wish to sign up, send name/ages, phone number and emails of adult/child pair to [mmorrison@potsdamlibrary.org](mailto:mmorrison@potsdamlibrary.org).

First five registered participants will be notified via email, with three alternate pairs to be signed up in reserve.

## Local talents to perform at Cabaret Show

POTSDAM – Enjoy desserts while listening to eight fabulous local singers as they perform hits from Broadway and beyond.

The Orchestra of Northern New York is hosting A Cabaret Show with Desserts for one performance only on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in SUNY Potsdam's Thacher Hall, which is handicap accessible.

Performers include Jim Fryer, Kyle Flint, Meaghan Janovsky, Jennifer Blewett, Hailey Hodge, Andrea Ellison, Laura Gilbert, and Kimberly Busch, with Josh Barkley on piano.

Jim Fryer has performed with Community Performance Series summer musicals, with Grasse River Players, and Parishville-Hopkinton School. He is an Associate Professor of Psychology at SUNY Potsdam.

Kyle Flint has also had roles in CPS summer musicals, including Gomez in The Addams Family. He is a clinical pharmacist at Canton-Potsdam Hospital.

Meaghan Janovsky will also be familiar to CPS audience members having played leading roles for several productions, including Midge Mahoney in last summer's production of the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. She teaches fifth grade in Massena.

Jennifer Blewett is a veteran of several CPS productions, including the aforementioned Spelling Bee show, Once Upon a Mattress, and Mary Poppins. She is the Director of Compliance and Continuing Education at Auto Manager.

Hailey Hodge joins other CPS production actors in this cabaret show. She has played Frenchie in Grease and Cinderella in Into the Woods, in addition to several other roles. She owns Luna, a women's clothing and lingerie store in Canton.

Andrea Ellison is a Crane alumna who is honored to be part of the musical community of the North Country. She shares her love of performing with her music students at Parishville-Hopkinton Central School.

Laura Fitzsimons Gilbert has worked previously as a soloist in the CPS "Back to Broadway Cabaret" and as a lead in their musical, The Taffetas. In her free time, she performs with her rock/folk/country band, The Whiskey Room, at festivals and other venues in the area. She is the PreK-12th grade Vocal Music Teacher at Morris-town Central School.

Kimberly Busch, who is directing the Cabaret, will join others in production numbers. She has served as guest conductor for the Herkimer County Music Educators' Association and the St. Lawrence County Music Educators' Association (SLCMEA). She directed the CPS production of Once Upon a Mattress and was Vocal Director for The Addams Family. She is the Vocal Music Director at Canton Central School where she directs choir students in grades 5-12. Ms. Busch is also the immediate past president of the Orchestra of Northern New York and a current board member.

Josh Barkley will accompany the performers on piano. He has had a role in more than 25 musicals, from music directing and playing keyboards in the pit to sound engineer and lighting designer. He is the new Assistant Facilities Manager for the Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$27 for seniors (62+) and military personnel including veterans, and \$10 for college students. Reserve your seat today by visiting [onny.org](http://onny.org), by calling 315-212-3440, or at the door if the performance is not sold-out.

## Potsdam Bears to honor late broadcaster

POTSDAM—Nearly a year ago, the North Country Community and SUNY Potsdam Athletics lost veteran broadcaster Warren Potter '86.

Join the Bears on Saturday, January 25, as they honor their "Voice" between the women's game with SUNY Oneonta at 2 p.m. and the men's game at 4 p.m.

Potter, a proud Potsdam alum, began his broadcast career as an undergraduate for the campus radio station WRPS over 40 years ago. He called many of the Bears basketball's legendary moments as they happened.

After his graduation, Potter began his time with WPDM-WSNN radio in Potsdam, beginning a nearly 40-year run of broadcasting local high school and collegiate athletic contests.

He became the primary play-by-play announcer for Bears basketball and hockey in 2016. P

otter also broadcast for multiple other Bears athletic teams during that time.

A Crane School of Music graduate, music was another of his passions. Potter earned his master's from the College in 2002 as well as his teaching certificate. In 2011, he

joined the faculty at the St. Regis Mohawk School in the Salmon River Central School District, serving as a music teacher.

There are two banners hanging in the rafters in Jerry Welsh Gym-

nasium, one signifying each of the basketball team's national championships. Potter's banner will join them on the 25th.

Admission to both contests is free.



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### FEB. 3: Anora

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### FEB. 10: Nickel Boys

(United States, 2024, d. RaMell Ross) 140 min. R

### FEB. 17: All We Imagine as Light

(France/India/Netherlands/etc., 2024, d. Payal Kapadia) 110 min. NR

### FEB. 24: Sing Sing

(United States, 2023, d. Greg Kwedar) 107 min. R

### MAR. 3: \*\*Seed of the Sacred Fig/

*Dane-ye anjir-e ma'abed*

(Germany/France/Iran, 2024, d. Mohammad Rasoulof) 160 min. PG-13

### MAR. 17: Sugarcane

(Canada/United States, 2024, d. Emily Kassie, Julian Brave Noise-Cat) 107 min. R

### MAR. 24: Love Lies Bleeding

(United Kingdom/United States, 2024, d. Rose Glass) 104 min. R

### MAR. 31: Do Not Expect Too Much From the End of the World / Nu aștepta prea mult de la sfârșitul lumii

(Romania/Luxembourg/France/etc., 2023, d. Radu Jude) 163 min. NR

### APR. 7: Flow / Straume

(Latvia/Belgium/France, 2024, d. Gints Zilbalodis) 85 min. PG

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(United States, 2024, d. Marielle Heller) 99 min. R

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## County holding 5th annual card drive

CANTON – This Valentine’s Day, the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau, in partnership with the Office for the Aging, invites the community to take part in the 5th Annual Valentine’s Day Card Drive, an initiative designed to bring love, care, and connection to older adults throughout St. Lawrence County.

Valentine’s Day can be particularly difficult for seniors who may be unable to visit friends and family, leading to feelings of loneliness, depression, and anxiety. February is also a challenging time for individuals experiencing Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) or the winter blues. This initiative aims to brighten the lives of these residents with heartfelt messages and creative expressions of kindness.

“Connecting with older adults in this way is a wonderful opportunity for students, families, and community members to spread joy and combat feelings of isolation. These cards can make a significant impact on someone’s emotional well-being,” shared Alexa Backus Chase, Youth Bureau Director.

Students of all ages (K-12), as well as adults, are encouraged to create Valentine’s-themed cards, notes, or drawings.

All submissions must be mailed or delivered by Friday, Feb. 7. Send cards to: St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau, 80 SH 310 Suite 4, Canton, NY 13617.

Valentine’s cards will be distributed to older adults through the Office for the Aging, those living in assisted living facilities, long-term care homes, or who are hospitalized. Organizations and agencies that would like to be included in the distribution list can contact the Youth Bureau directly.

Info: [ACHase@stlawco.gov](mailto:ACHase@stlawco.gov) or call the Youth Bureau at 315.379.9464.



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## Free skating at Sandstone Arena

Ziva McGregor, of Potsdam, practices skating with her mother, Cayla McGregor, at Sandstone Arena, Potsdam, Dec. 27, one of five free public skating sessions sponsored by the Raquette River Lions Club over the holiday break.

## Groundhog Day 5k planned at three local schools Feb. 1

CANTON -- The St. Lawrence County Public Health Department, in partnership with the Youth Bureau, will offer a Groundhog Day 5K(ish) event at participating local schools on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9-10:30 a.m.

Three schools hosting this event are Heuvelton Central, Lisbon Central, and Madrid-Waddington Central.

“Our organizations recognize that winter in the North Country is long and it can be easy to get stuck on the couch hiding from the cold. It is our goal to get community members up and moving, even if only for one day,” said Jena Sloan, Public Health Specialist.

Walking loops will be mapped

out in each school for participants to walk or run at their own pace. Individuals can choose how many laps they complete.

For some, it could be a 5k, for others it could be a quarter mile or less.

Participants are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing their school colors or consider wearing Groundhog Day themed attire.

In lieu of paying a registration fee, attendees are asked to bring one canned or pantry item to donate to the school’s food pantry.

Contact the Youth Bureau by emailing [Alexa Chase at AChase@stlawco.gov](mailto:ACHase@stlawco.gov) or calling 315-379-9464 with any questions.

## SUNY Potsdam continues education seminar series

POTSDAM -- SUNY Potsdam will continue its Disciplined Inquiry in Education Seminar Series with a range of topics across the disciplines in 2025, starting Jan. 29.

The series is open to the public once again this semester.

Sponsored by SUNY Potsdam’s School of Education and Professional Studies, the annual series has hosted more than 170 presenters since its inception in 2007. All seminar meetings will be face-to-face with an online attendance option.

Professor Dr. Laura Brown, chair of the Department of Teacher Education, will open the series this semester, with a free talk at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Her presentation, titled “Grading Reimagined: How an Alternative Approach Could Help Both Instructors and Students Find Meaning and Purpose in Assessment,” will explore ways to shift focus from grades to meaningful learning experiences.

All seminar meetings will be offered on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. In-person sessions will be offered in the Rebecca V. Sheard Literacy Center balcony, with a virtual viewing option available via Zoom. Virtual presentations will be

offered via Zoom.

The remaining sessions for the series are as follows:

- Feb. 19: Laura Perry and Dr. Karen Caldwell (Department of Business Administration): “Solving the Accessibility Problem Before We Create It: Embedding Accessible, Inclusive Design Competencies into Curricula”

- March 19: Dr. Sarah Solley (Department of Teacher Education): “Trauma-Informed Pedagogy or Practice: What Does This Mean and How Does it Connect to Social Justice Pedagogy?”

- April 2: Sara Cantwell (Department of Teacher Education and Center for School Partnerships and Teacher Certification): “The Game Master’s Classroom: Teaching Tips from Tabletop Roleplay Adventuring”

- April 30: Laura Griffin and Dr. Sergei Abramovich (Department of Teacher Education): “Cookies on Plates II: Seeing Patterns in Images by Third Graders at Potsdam Central School”

These events are free, and the public is welcome to attend. To join either virtually or in person, email [Billijean Elliott](mailto:Billijean.Elliott@potsdam.edu) for more information, at [plantybj@potsdam.edu](mailto:plantybj@potsdam.edu).

## Rochester Regional launches ‘Partnering in Your Care’ healthcare education series

You may have heard the term “partnering in your care,” but are not really sure what it entails.

Rochester Regional Health’s St. Lawrence Region is hosting discussion sessions to better explain what it means and how it can benefit you as a patient or community member.

The Partnering in Your Care model of healthcare was designed to give patients, their loved ones, and their proxies autonomy to be as proactive and engaged as possible in sustainable quality care; regardless of whether it’s at home, a hospital, or a long-term care facility. From lifestyle and nutrition choices to preventing and managing chronic diseases, individuals have more control over their health than they may realize.

The public is invited to attend the upcoming Partnering In Your Care educational event this month where the concept of ‘Partnering’ will be discussed and explained. The same content will be shared at three dif-

ferent locations to ensure everyone has access to a live session close to home.

RSVP for one of the following free educational sessions which all begin at 10 am:

- Wednesday, January 29 in the Community Room at Gouverneur Hospital, 77 West Barney Street, Gouverneur

- Thursday, January 30 in Conference Room A/B at Canton-Potsdam Hospital, 50 Leroy Street, Potsdam

- Friday, January 31 in the Board Room at Massena Hospital, 1 Hospital Drive, Massena

To register for one of the January programs, please share your name, phone number, and indicate which location/date you will be attending by calling (and leaving a message) at 315-261-5413, or emailing [corporatecommunications@rochesterregional.org](mailto:corporatecommunications@rochesterregional.org).

Please RSVP by Friday, January 24.



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# LoKo Arts offers free movement and dance events open to the public

## Alumna Tatyanna Hall '22 completes residency on dance and movement

POTSDAM -- The SUNY Potsdam LoKo Arts Festival is proud to present three semester-long movement and dance workshops, which are free and open to the public.

Drop-ins are welcome, and prior registration is not required for these programs.

Leading these events is alumna Tatyanna Hall '22, a SUNY Potsdam dance graduate, who will be in residence on campus for the duration of the Spring 2025 semester.

### Improvisation class

Hall will offer a twice-weekly improvisation class, starting Tuesday, Jan. 21 and ending Thursday, May 8. The class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center in Studio 126.

In this course, Hall will guide participants in personal movement exploration and choreographic development. It will be appropriate for participants ages 16 and older, and no dance experience is necessary. This course will be an opportunity for movers of all levels of experience, to explore self-expression by way of free form movement without the pressure of "knowing" how to dance. These sessions will include a warm-up and then participants will be led through a variety of explorations.

### Slow movement class

The visiting artist will also lead a weekly 1-hour movement class for area older adults, starting Tuesday, Jan. 28 and ending Tuesday, May 6. This class will be held on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., in the Wagner Institute for Sustainability and Ecological Research (WISER) Greenhouse in Stowell Hall on the SUNY Potsdam campus.

Hall describes these sessions as "slow movement inspired by both the presence of plants and reflections on their life sustaining processes." An emphasis on motility and stretching through gentle and low-impact movement will be offered in these classes.

### Additional activities

For other activities of this residency, Hall will be choreographing a dance to be performed in the SUNY Potsdam Spring Dance Concert, which will be held from May 1 to 4. Auditions for the dance recital will be offered on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Dance Theater.

She will also engage children in weekly movement and dance activities at the SUNY Potsdam Child Care Center throughout the semester. Info: Tatyanna Hall at hall.tatyanna@gmail.com or Robin Collen at collenrl@potdams.edu.



SUNY Potsdam photo

Seen here in a dance performance as a SUNY Potsdam student, Tatyanna Hall '22 (center) will return to her alma mater to lead movement classes and dance performances in Spring 2025.

## BRIEFLY

### STEAM Camp

POTSDAM — February Break Vacation Week STEAM Camp will be held at the Children's Museum for kids in grades 1-5. Camp runs from Monday, Feb 17 to Friday, Feb 21 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$225 per camper for the week with a 10% museum member discount. Campers will come along on a one-of-a-kind vacation as they experience the "world" as a group of eager tourists. They will explore the art, architecture, culture, climate, cuisine, scientific discoveries and more from around the world in this hands-on STEAM camp. Scholarship spots available. Registration and more info: //northcountrychildrensmuseum.org/camps-and-classes/.

### Winter trail walk

RENSSELAER FALLS — A winter animal walk will be held Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 9 a.m. at Indian Creek Nature Center, 770 CR 14. Midwinter is a great time to look for the hardy winter birds, look for mammal tracks, and see signs of how life persists in the coldest and shortest days of the year. As participants snowshoe the trails, they will learn about some of the ways plants and animals survive the midwinter. Bring snowshoes if you have them (there will be some to borrow) and binoculars, and dress appropriately.

### Kids Winter Clothes Drive

POTSDAM — Dig out all those hats, coats, gloves, boots and snow pants your kids have outgrown. The SUNY Potsdam Wilderness Ed and Potsdam Public Library have teamed up for a Kids Winter Clothes Drive and Giveaway. The kids winter clothes drive begins Monday, Jan. 27, with a clothes drive box in the Potsdam Public Library lobby, located at 2 Park St. Come give what you can during normal library hours until Friday, Jan. 31. The giveaway will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the library's mezzanine classroom. All donated clothes will be laundered and sorted for the giveaway. For more information, or if you have any questions, email bishopak206@potdams.edu

### Cardboard sled workshop

CANTON — Cardboard sled building workshops will be offered by Nature Up North at the Wachtmeister Field Station on Jan. 19 and Feb. 1 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in preparation for Canton's 7th annual cardboard sled race. Learn how to build your own cardboard sled for the race, and Nature Up North will have all the materials you'll need. Register: www.natureupnorth.org/event/7th-annual-cardboard-sled-race

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Mark Bomyea was named the St. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association (SLCFCA) 2024 Firefighter of the Year at a dinner held Jan. 16 at the Lawrenceville Fire Department. Bomyea was nominated for this prestigious honor by his fellow fire department members at the Rensselaer Falls Fire Department.

## Rensselaer Falls Library Memory Tree names listed

RENSSELAER FALLS – The following names appeared on the 2024 Rensselaer Falls Library Memory Tree.

Carol Franklin in memory of Royal Cleland.

Ernie Swartsfigure in memory of Julie Swartsfigure, Ernie Swartsfigure, Blanche Swartsfigure, Ivan Crumo, Harriett Crumo, Leo Swartsfigure, Joyce Swartsfigure, Pearl Backus, “Buck Stowell, Tom

LaBrake, Terry Boprey, Tom Boprey, David Palmer, Merle Putnam, Janet Palmer, Bev Putnam, Floyd Newcombe, Edna Newcome, Mrs. “B” Lois Burnham, Chan Planty, Alice Planty, John Newvine, Randy Newcombe, Duane and Barb Matthews, Gaylor John Stiles, Harold Phillips, Liz Lumb, Wilma Krabil, Sister Barbara, Danny Mack, Everett Swartsfigure, Stan Planty, Shelly Planty, Maynard Planty, Margaret Hance, Greg Williams, Harry Stiles Jr, Lynnda Bennett and Harriett Swartsfigure Day.

Shelly Sanderson in memory of Marge Hammond, Curt and Mavis Hammond, Brenda Sanderson, Don and Dora Hammond, Debbie Downing, Terry Hammond, Jr and Doris Hammond and Bill Sanderson.

John and Debbie Bartlett in memory of Lee and Vanetta Gill, Maurice and Hazel Cline, Bob and Ruth Roca, Herb and Kathleen Goodison, Harry and Effie Stiles, Don and Dora Hammond, George Cline, Sue Reynolds, Maude Thompson, Nellie Perry, Lyn Palmer, Harold Palmer, Mary Sue McAdoo Seymour, and Chris McAdoo.

Steve and Lisa Hammond in memory of Marge, Terry, Curt and Mavis Hammond. Jim and Lois Chase. Debbie Downing, Donna Fritot, Janet, Lyn and Albert Palmer.

### BRIEFLY

#### All-Academic Honors

CANTON – Several local St. Lawrence University student-athletes, including two local athletes, earned Liberty League All-Academic honors in recognition of their excellence in the classroom. They are Mattigan Porter of Canton, a member of the Saints Volleyball team who attended Hugh C. Williams High School, and Trent Sargent of Ogdensburg, a member of the Saints Football team who attended Ogdensburg Free Academy. To be recognized as a member of the All-Academic team a student-athlete must be a sophomore or higher in class standing and enrolled full-time with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.30



Norfolk Fire | Courtesy

On hand for a recent defibrillator donation from the Town of Norfolk to the Norfolk Fire Department were, from left, Fireman and Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon, Councilman Travis Villnave, Fire Chief Brandon Murray, Supervisor Charlie Pernice, NFD VP Derek Stevenson, NFD President Vernon Wolf, Councilman Martin Blair and Councilwoman Jean Gang.

## Town of Norfolk purchases defibrillators for Norfolk FD in memory of Ted Collier

NORFOLK – After a tragic line-of-duty-death of Ted Collier while responding to a fire call in the Town of Norfolk and the delay in getting an AED (defibrillator) on scene, the Norfolk Town Board recently purchased two AED’s for the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department.

The defibrillators will be installed in Fire Station #2 and Fire Station #3.

These units were purchased in Memory of Thaddeus “Ted” Collier.

## Parishville Historical Society Memory Tree names listed

PARISHVILLE – The following names appeared on the 2024 Parishville Historical Society Memory Tree.

Emma Remington, Warren Remington, George Remington, Lucy Remington, Lyle Fountain, Eva Fountain, Lawrence Barlow, Hilda Barlow, Julia Bump, Kathleen Kenyon, Wayne Barlow, William Barlow, Jan Barlow - by Terry & Marijean Remington & family

Emily Bartlett, Sara Ann Bartlett, Stevie Bartlett, Rachel “Ray” Bartlett, Thomas Farns, Marion Farns

Davis, Mary Farnham, Sady Smith Vebber - by Diane Bartlett MacWilliams

Marion Russ, Richard Russ, Nancy Russ, Michael McBurnie, Margaret McBurnie, Tom McBurnie, Francis Miner, Charles Miner, Mildred Miner, Dani Jacot, Kalie Perkins, Milt Snell - by McBurnie Family

Annette Evans, Kimberly Evans, Genevieve Hanson, Robert Hanson, Harold Ellis, Alton Bump, Julia Bump, Robert Tyler, Edith Tyler, David Tyler, Elva Bump, Cynthia Boals, Jean Wiklacz, Louis Wiklacz,

Al Lewendrowski, Edgar Kelly, John Shean, John Corrigan, Rebecca James, Paul Green, Arlene Green - by Kenneth and Sue Wiklacz

Jordan P. Sochia, Eli Sochia, Shirley Sochia, Darcy Sochia, Ian Gardner - by Patty and Wayne Brabaw

Ken & Hazel Thompson, Bill & Jessie Butterfield, George & Nettie Thompson, Roy and Mae Hatch, Duane and Thelma Butterfield, Darrell Butterfield, Gary Butterfield, Sue Siedlecki, Ray & Ellen Thompson, Carl and Doris Thompson, Don & Adrienne Gilbert, Jean Farr - by Don and Shirley Butterfield

Parepa Cook Snell Earle Adams, Edgar Allen Snell, Malcolm J. Snell, Milton B. Snell, Kathryn Frego Snell, Milton P. Snell, Vincent J. Snell, Marion Beaudin Snell, Paul H. Snell, Gordon L. Snell, Gerald V. Snell, Florence Snell McCarthy, Anne Snell Sullivan, Estella (Tess) Cook, William Cook, Scott Cook, Catherine Benham Cook, Viola Miller Cook, George Cook, Joshua Holt Snell, Patrick Allen Snell II, Martha Collins Snell, Milton C. Snell, Elsie Conlin Snell, David W. Pennington, Gary Sebastian, Connie Cook Chapman, Sam Chapman, Grace Snell Tucker, Mark Snell, Lester Gale, Milton J. Snell, Thomas Farns - by Madeline Snell Pennington

Leon LeBeau, Gwen LeBeau, Dr. Bruce (Buckie) Smith, Fran Condon - by Molly Lebeau Kaffka

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## Kiera Johnson Law Enforcement Training graduate

POTSDAM -- Kiera Johnson, of Ogdensburg, recently graduated from SUNY Potsdam's Law Enforcement Training Institute.

The Law Enforcement Training Institute provides students with the unique opportunity to complete a rigorous pre-employment, state-approved police training as part of their undergraduate curriculum, alongside hired officers completing their own training.

A cohort of eight pre-employment police cadets and eight hired officer cadets started the training in August 2024 at SUNY Potsdam.

The students and officers celebrated their completion of the program with a ceremony on Dec. 14, attended by family members, friends and law enforcement officials from across the state.

SUNY Potsdam's 15-week program allows students to successfully complete Phase 1 of the New York State Municipal Basic Police Training, which includes 56 of the full 60 components required of all police officers. The academy also offers Phase 2 training, which comprises the final four components, which can only be completed by recently hired officers.

Students who complete Phase 1 are uniquely employable, as the agency that hires them will only be responsible for their Phase 2 and field training. This allows chiefs to get a new officer into their community much more quickly, and at less cost to the agency.

The eight hired officers who graduated in December have since started their field training with their respective agencies.

Beginning in Spring 2025, SUNY Potsdam will host an additional academy for newly hired officers to support local agencies, as the premier provider of law enforcement training in the North Country, endorsed by the St. Lawrence County Chiefs of Police and County Sheriff.

As a New York State-accredited police academy, SUNY Potsdam's Law Enforcement Training Institute offers in-service training for agencies throughout St. Lawrence County using top-of-the-line simulators, simulation tools, and facilities designed to improve decision-making skills through reality-based training. The annual police academy offers instruction in defensive tactics, emergency medical services, emergency vehicle operation, applying field sobriety tests, processing crime scenes and a plethora of other training topics. To learn more, visit [www.potsdam.edu/academics/appliedlearning/lawenforcement](http://www.potsdam.edu/academics/appliedlearning/lawenforcement).

### BRIEFLY

#### S. New Hampshire dean's list

Robert Rust of Norfolk, Darcie Palmer of Colton, Terri Bullock and Morgan Bates of Canton were named to the President's List for the fall 2024 semester at Southern New Hampshire University. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the smallest continent by area?
  2. MOVIES: What is Deadpool's real name in the movie series?
  3. MEASUREMENTS: How many ounces are in 1 gallon?
  4. TELEVISION: What is the name of the character that Jason Bateman plays in "Ozark"?
  5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the dimple at the bottom of a wine bottle called?
  6. U.S. CITIES: Which city also is known as Motown?
  7. LITERATURE: The movie "Bridget Jones Diary" is loosely based on which novel?
  8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which is the only big cat that doesn't roar?
  9. MEDICAL: What is a common name for fasciulation?
  10. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin term "magnum opus" mean?
- Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

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

### Qualifications:

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

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

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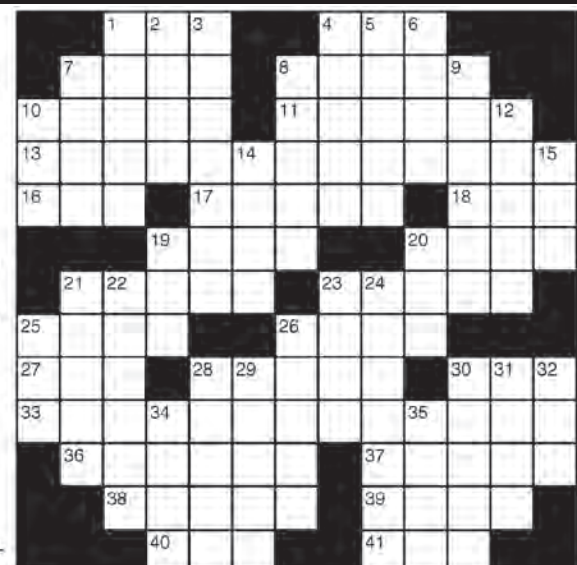
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Kitten's cry
- 4 Bit of advice
- 7 Prop for Sherlock
- 8 Vice President Burr
- 10 Ancient Greek region
- 11 Future ferns
- 13 Mental agility
- 16 Rds.
- 17 Pitchers
- 18 Stickum
- 19 Unpaid TV ads
- 20 Close
- 21 Revue segments
- 23 Lover's meeting
- 25 Smack a baseball
- 26 1982 sci-fi film
- 27 Signing need
- 28 "— of One's Own"
- 30 1959 Kingston Trio hit
- 33 Burger King, for one
- 36 Kilt pattern
- 37 Lubricated
- 38 Canary snacks



- 39 Hosp. scans
- 40 Triage ctrs.
- 41 Salty expanse
- 1 Short skirts
- 2 Grand tale
- 3 Least strong
- 4 Piglike mammal
- 5 Golf clubs
- 6 Beans go-with
- 7 Sulk
- 8 Campfire leftovers
- 9 Stallion sounds
- 10 Mensa stats
- 12 Animal's nose
- 14 "Jabberwocky" starter
- 15 Inherited
- 19 Peach center
- 20 Wd. from Roget
- 21 Hard work
- 22 Sunflower
- 23 Walked (on)

- 24 Date movies, for short
- 25 Beach lotion letters
- 26 Animated figures
- 28 Pursuing
- 29 Highways
- 30 Sasha's sister
- 31 Alliances
- 32 Moreover
- 34 Sloth's home
- 35 Employ

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

**Family Nurse Practitioner:** The Dental Hygienist will provide high quality dental care to patients from all ages under the direction of the Supervising Dentist. Status: Full-time, Permanent, Exempt Salary: \$91,499.20 - \$162,968.00 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov)

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**Resident Aide:** Reporting to the Resident Aide Supervisor, the Resident Aide will work collaboratively with other staff to ensure a safe, supportive, and trauma-informed environment. Responsible for monitoring activities, transporting residents to outside activities, and providing programming. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt Salary: \$15.63 - \$21.71 Deadline: February 5, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov)

**Inpatient Counselor:** The Partridge House Inpatient Counselor is under the supervision of the Senior Counselor and Inpatient Program Coordinator and is responsible to provide substance use disorder counseling. Status: Non-exempt, Permanent, Full-time Salary: \$15.63 - \$38.65 Deadline: February 5, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov)

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**Accounts Payable Clerk:** Under the direction of the Accounts Payable Supervisor, the Accounts Payable Clerk will be responsible for processing invoices received for payment and for undertaking the payment of all vendors in an accurate efficient and timely manner. In addition, the Accounts Payable Clerk is to follow the guidelines of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe policies and procedures, internal control standards and objectives by performing the following. Status: Non-Exempt, Full Time, Permanent Salary: \$15.63 - \$23.27 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov)

**Accounts Receivable Clerk:** Under the direction of the Senior Accountant, the Account Receivable Clerk/Receptionist is responsible for providing courteous and friendly customer service. The Account Receivable Clerk/Receptionist is the Finance front desk and is the information hub to the department. The Account Receivable Clerk/Receptionist is to follow the guidelines of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe policies and procedures, internal control standards and objectives by performing the following. Status: Non-Exempt, Full Time, Permanent Salary: \$15.63 - \$21.92 Deadline: February 5, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov)

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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.

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## Lecturer Healthcare Management

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

**Required Qualifications:**

- Master's degree in Healthcare Administration.
- Healthcare management experience.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- FACHE certification or other certificates considered.
- Previous college teaching experience.

**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, Healthcare Facility Administration and other courses as needed.
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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/>

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.

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## 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.

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

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will be accepting applications until February 27, 2025. EOE

**Clubhouse Worker:** Under the direction of the Clubhouse Supervisor and Assistant Clinical Director, the Clubhouse Worker will organize, plan, implement, and supervise activities to develop pro-social skills that promote long term health, wellness, recovery and drug free lifestyle with Clubhouse participants. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt, Term 9/29/2029 Salary: \$15.63 - \$21.71 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov)

**Per Diem Pharmacist:** The pharmacist will dispense drugs prescribed by physicians and other health practitioners and provide information to patients about medications and their use. The Pharmacist may advise physicians and other health practitioners on the selection, dosage, interactions and side effect of medications. Status: Per Diem, Non-Exempt Salary: \$47.17 - \$86.54 Deadline: January 29, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov)

**Registered Nurse/ Licensed Practical Nurse:** The Registered Nurse/Licensed Practical Nurse under the direction of the Nursing Supervisor will collaborate with all members of the health care team to develop and maintain a high quality of nursing care. Status: Non-Exempt, Full-Time Permanent Salary: \$27.29 - \$41.03/\$17.09 - \$22.59 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov)

**School Based Mental Health Therapist:** Under the direction of the Lead Therapist, the School-Based Mental Health Therapist will provide individuals and their families with counseling/psychotherapy services to promote optimum mental health in the Salmon River Central School and the Mohawk School satellite clinic. Status: Full-time, Exempt, Permanent Salary: \$32,510.40 - \$80,392.00 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov)

SUNY Potsdam's Office of Institutional Effectiveness is accepting on-line applications for a data analyst. The person in this position will be responsible for preparing accurate and timely data for external data submissions, designing summary reports, and producing data to support operational efficiencies in collaboration with other institutional departments. This position will also support and assist with the reporting needs of the University and its departments to federal, state, and other accrediting agencies. For full details, including required and preferred qualifications, and to apply please visit <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/5308>. Review of materials will continue until the position is filled. EOE

Searching for a supportive and reliable assistant to help a high-functioning autistic 31-year-old man with daily apartment routines in Canton, 10-20 hours weekly. Please contact 315-854-5043 if interested.

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The School of Education and Professional Studies at the SUNY College at Potsdam invites applications for a full-time (10-month) Instructor of Elementary Education in the Department of Teacher Education. With a commitment to enhancing diversity and equity for all students, this position focuses on excellence in teaching while offering a unique opportunity to actively engage with P-6 school partners in the support of preservice and inservice educators. The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting curricula and teaching undergraduate and graduate courses for SUNY Potsdam's Elementary Education programs, developing and maintaining partnerships with regional schools, and supervising teacher candidates in practicum and/or student teaching placements. While a variety of instructional modalities will be required, including online, this is a residential position at the SUNY Potsdam campus. Required qualifications for this position include an earned master's degree in Education or a closely related field from an accredited institution; at least 3 years of successful classroom teaching in a P-6 setting; state teaching certification; and experience supervising preservice teachers. Applicants must submit a CV, letter of intent specifically addressing the responsibilities and candidate qualifications as stated in this position announcement, and a list of 3-5 references. To review the complete job description and upload appropriate documents, visit <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/5288>. Application review will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. EOE

## LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



is accepting applications for the following positions:

- Long-Term Substitute Teaching Assistant
- Long-Term Substitute Teacher
- Long-Term Substitute School Psychologist

Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Early application is encouraged and applications will be reviewed as they are received.

\* Proper Certification is required for some positions.

All interested candidates must submit the following to be considered for some positions:

- ▶ Cover Letter
- ▶ Application (Please apply using the Regional Common Application) - Application and information about Lisbon CSD may be found at: <https://www.lisboncsd.org/>
- ▶ Resumé
- ▶ Letters of Recommendation (three)
- ▶ Copy of New York State Certifications
- ▶ Original College Transcripts

Failure to provide all requested materials may result in disqualification of the candidate's application. Please submit information attention to:

Mr. Patrick J. Farrand, Superintendent of Schools  
 LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 6866 County Route 10, Lisbon, NY 13658

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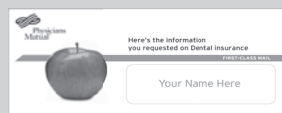
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Licensed Practical Nurse - Hospice of St Lawrence Valley has openings for full-time, part-time, and per diem LPNs to carry out assigned nursing functions under the supervision of a Registered Nurse. Must have a current LPN license in NYS; the ability to maintain confidentiality and function as a member of an interdisciplinary team; a basic understanding and commitment to the Hospice concept of care for the terminally ill; and a valid NYS Driver's license. On-call and travel throughout St Lawrence County is required. Applications are available at hospiceslv.org or by calling Hospice at 315-265-3105.

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

Local public accounting firm seeking applicants for the following full-time positions in Ogdensburg: Staff Accountant - Minimum Associates in Accounting or business-related field or 5+ years of appropriate experience. Tax & financial statement preparation experience a plus. CPA/CPA Candidate - This is a management-track position. Must be CPA or actively pursuing CPA license. 5+ years public accounting experience a plus. We offer a full benefit package. Salary is based on qualifications. Email your cover letter & resume to klawton@pmhvcpa.com or mail to Kate Lawton, PO Box 109, Potsdam, NY 13676

St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services is in search of a Computer Programmer/Analyst. Starting salary is \$49,172 with excellent benefits. Generous vacation and sick time allowance, Public Service Loan Forgiveness eligibility and the option to enroll in the St. Lawrence County's health insurance or opt out of the insurance and receive a buyout in the amount of \$2,000 for single coverage or \$4,000 for family. This is a technical position responsible for generating and maintaining the operating systems, programs, systems design and other software required by a computer system and its user agencies. An employee in this class designs logic for systems programs and for modifications to the systems. This is a provisional appointment. The successful applicant will need to take a civil service examination and score within the top three interested candidates in order to be permanently appointed. Applications accepted until position has been filled. Applications can be obtained from the St. Lawrence County's website, <https://stlaw-portal.mycivilservice.com/> or by contacting Human Resources at (315)379-2210. AA/EEO

Need someone reliable to shovel walks and entries to 3 commercial building all in same parking lot. In Massena village. Pay is \$25.00 per hour!!

FRONT OFFICE/ADOPTION ASSISTANT Potsdam Humane Society is seeking an experienced office professional with exceptional customer service skills and an outgoing personality. Skilled with social media. Proficient in math, communication, and computer skills. Experience in animal-related field highly desirable. Full time position available.

KEY COMPETENCIES: Attention to detail. Ability to think quickly and problem-solve. Must be able to multi-task and change direction at any given moment. Must work well in a team setting.

Please email resume to victoria@potsdam-humane.org or apply online at <https://potsdamhumane.org/applications/employmentapplication/>. EOE

Bronson Service Corp is looking for a highly motivated heating service technician with great oil burner skills as well as well-rounded, overall heating knowledge. Wages and commission from \$47,500 to \$69,500 for the right technician. Stop by at 7585 US Highway 11, Potsdam for an application or email pbronson@nny.com.

Registered Nurse: The Registered Nurse plays a crucial role in developing and implementing care plans for patients with complex chronic illnesses or significant social determinants of health, guiding them towards their health goals. Additionally, the Registered Nurse provides navigation support to patients, their families, and caregivers, helping them navigate the healthcare system and address any obstacles to receiving care. Status: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, Permanent Salary: \$27.29 - \$41.03 Deadline: February 5, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov)

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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.

The Research Foundation, a unit of the State University of New York, is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer, with a commitment to building a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty to meet the needs of our diverse student population and strongly encourages applications from minority and women candidates.



## Child Care Professionals Needed

### Preschool Head of Group (3-4 yo)

Full time position. Requirements: Associates Degree in Early Childhood or Infant/Toddler CDA and 2 years experience working with children 3-4yo.

**\$16.50/Hour. Paid holidays, sick, personal & vacation time.**

### Toddler Head of Group (18 mth - 2 yo)

Full time position. Requirements: Associates Degree in Early Childhood or Infant/Toddler CDA and 2 years experience with toddlers.

**\$16.50/Hour. Paid holidays, sick, personal & vacation time.**

Employment is subject to background checks. Email resume and two professional references to: [cantondaycare@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:cantondaycare@twcnny.rr.com)

Questions, call Nancy Fox, Executive Director • 315-379-1829.

\$30.00/hr. We also have several other positions available at this time. For more information please apply at [www.jobsrus.com](http://www.jobsrus.com) or Contact our office at (315)265-8860.

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- **Supervising Social Worker** (LCSW)
- **Senior Chemical Dependency Counselor**
- **Chemical Dependency Counselor**  
\*NO civil service exam required

Applications accepted until position filled.

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

Applications can also be obtained from St. Lawrence County's website,  
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**315-379-2210**

Send application to:

St. Lawrence County

Human Resources Office

48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617

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## The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority

The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority is hiring:

### EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTANT

The Authority seeks to hire an **Executive Accountant**. This position would be considered to assume the role of CFO within 2 years. The ideal candidate will: ensure business transactions are reported in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles; work closely with team members to assist in monthly closing procedures including performing account & bank reconciliations and maintaining the general ledger; research and analyze expense variances; assist with audit preparations; prepare and submit tax returns; produce and submit reports to governmental agencies, and other accounting/compliance duties as assigned.

**Minimum requirements include:** Bachelor's Degree or higher in accounting or finance; a minimum of 3 years accounting experience; working knowledge of GASB and GAAP; practical knowledge of fund accounting; strong financial analytical skills; proficiency in Microsoft Office particularly Excel; strong communication skills, both written and oral; proven ability to handle multiple projects/tasks simultaneously. Familiarity with Sage Business Works and Paychex Flex is preferred.

**Salary:** \$70,000 annually.

Submit cover letter, and resume to [pnisco@ogdensport.com](mailto:pnisco@ogdensport.com); at the Authority office; or by mail at One Bridge Plaza Ogdensburg, NY 13669. All applications must be received by the Authority by 3:00 PM on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

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has the current openings:**

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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: Potsdam (2) Center:** 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 Brasher Center (1):** 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.

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**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.**



**Cybersecurity  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
PRODiG+ Fellow**

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

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

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

**Required Qualifications:**

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

**Preferred Qualifications:**

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

**Duties:**

- Engage in scholarly activities that contribute to the dissemination of knowledge in the discipline.
- Continually develop and improve skills and knowledge

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

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

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

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

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

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**Cook**

**Dining & Conference Services Department**

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

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

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

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Nightengale Elementary School Demographics:

- Student Enrollment: 472
- Certified Instructional Staff: 54
- Non-Instructional Staff: 33

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Active School Building Leadership (SBL) Certification
- Three (3) years of teaching experience

**DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Experience in administration and supervision comparison to that of an elementary principal

For more information and to apply, please contact Massena Central School Human Resources at (315)764-3700 ext. 3011 or visit [www.mcs.k12.ny.us](http://www.mcs.k12.ny.us).

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School Year 2025-26

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**CANTON CENTRAL SCHOOL**

**99 State St. Canton, NY 13617**

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## Fort La Présentation Association has busy year in 2024

The Fort La Présentation Association is proud and excited to announce the highlights of our accomplishments in the year 2024.

The Association hosted a Solar Eclipse Event on Rensselaer Point on April 8. The Fort property was in the prime viewing observation band.

We had approximately 200 visitors during the daylong event. Several of our visitors were from Canada. One family, from Ontario, told us that the Solar Eclipse event was their first visit to the United States.

On June 1, 2024, a recreation of the landing of Abbé Picquet at the present-day Rensselaer Point was presented. By the decree of Mayor Michael Tooley, every May 30 is proclaimed as "Founder's Day" in the City of Ogdensburg.

In attendance were Mayor Michael Tooley, a representative from the office of State Sen. Mark Walczyk, State Assemblyman Scott Gray, St. Lawrence County Legislator James Reagen, and Ogdensburg City Historian Julie Madlin. Julie also gave a speech describing the landing and importance of Abbé Picquet to the founding of Ogdensburg. Further development of the Point Lookout Trail was accomplished throughout the summer of 2024.

Many hours of volunteer time and volunteer efforts have made this advancement possible. This accomplishment is yet another example of the dedication our volunteers demonstrate to making dreams a reality.

As a result of changes made at Lookout Point, the Masonic Memorial needed to be moved. It is our honor to announce the Memorial is now resting in a raised flower bed on the Picquet Walking Trail, thanks to donations from the St. Lawrence Masonic Charities. The new flower bed makes an impressive addition to the walking trail.

Thanks go out for the generosity of Pat and Julie Madlin, and their donation of a Box Blade attachment for the Association's tractor. This attachment allows for maintenance of the walking trails and removes unwanted grass.

New signage was erected at the entrance of the Rensselaer Point located at 22 Albany Ave.

Based on the results of our sign-in sheets, many of the Association's visitors are drive-by visits. With new signage, we will be easier to find and explore.

Our thanks to David Austin and his design firm for the plans and Northeastern Sign Corporation of Colton for their fabrication and installation of our new signage.

The year ended with the Fort La Présentation Association acquiring the funds necessary for completion of the "Lookout Point" Island project next year.

This was accomplished in thanks to the Association's equity, the Grassroots Foundation, the Dr. D. Susan Badenhausen Legacy Fund, Daughters of the American Colonists, and a generous donation.

The Association is diligent in partnering with local companies and local groups to make the history of our property, and of Ogdensburg in general, alive and relevant to today.

## Bringing living history alive in Northern New York

The St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum preserves and teaches the history of how people of the North Country lived and how early technologies shaped their lives.

The museum grounds are at 1755 NYS Hwy. 345 in Madrid.

Here, history comes alive through demonstrations, interpretive displays, living history, and exhibitions.

We welcome visitors during the second and fourth Saturdays, May through October.

During our regular open days take a walk through our historic buildings, such as 1850's Schoolhouse, Blacksmith Shop, Maple Sugar House, 1926 Gas Station, Shoe Repair Shop, Heritage Fibers, Saw, and Shingle Mills, Wood Shop, General Store, Print Shop, Nevin Church, Carriage Barn, Equine Building, Tractor Barn, 1850's Log Cabin, WWII Era Farmstead, Collections Building, and Fort Tribute. Private tours are available upon request.

Or join us for one of our special events!

During the June Old Time Spring Exhibition" and September's "Old Time Harvest Exhibitions" watch the Museum come to life with antique tractor displays, wagon rides, skillet tossing, tractor pulls, horse pulls, races, parades, antique cars, and more!

In July, the "Fort Tribute Civil War Reenactment Weekend" offers people the opportunity to learn about life during the Civil War era, visit campsites, medic tents, and barracks. Experience stories and music with reenactors while witnessing battles and hearing cannons roar!

The October "Kids Pumpkin Patch Party"

brings the children to the Museum to paint pumpkins, ride wagons, play games, and go on an adventure through our kiddy corn maze.

October Fort Tribute Military Timeline: Come and learn a detailed history of the Civil War.

We also host the St. Lawrence Chamber of Commerce Open Air Craft, Food, and Wine Festival in September.

The Museum relies on the support of our community to continue our mission of celebrating rural living. There are many ways you can help keep the museum thriving in the future:

Become a member! Your dues support activities, programs, and projects and you receive an exclusive newsletter.

Come join our team of volunteers! We rely exclusively on member volunteers to organize and staff projects and programs. Be a part of the team that makes that happen.

Donate your "rural treasure" to the Museum. We collect items, decorations, auction items, and collection pieces from around the North Country.

Contribute a gift. You can give a gift in memory of a loved one, donate to the Museum Fund, invest in our Endowment, or fund one of our many projects with your donations.

Be an ambassador! Tell your friends, family, and community about the Museum and our mission.

For more information, visit [slpowermuseum.com](http://slpowermuseum.com). We hope to have you as a visitor in 2025!



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July 26 & 27

Civil War Reenactment  
Weekend - Fort Tribute

Aug. 30 & 31

Fall Exhibition Show

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October 4

Kids Pumpkin Patch Party

October 4

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Our service area spans all or part of seven counties in New York State and six in Ontario, along with Canada's National Capital Region — a huge expanse of over 15,000 square miles.

Partnering with non-profit and cultural organizations and educational institutions in 2024, WPBS participated in and/or organized over 50 community events and screenings the most ever in our 66 year history.

Other achievements include the launch of the updated GPS for Success website, a career planning tool for middle and high school students featuring a video game, extensive resources and interviews with over 140 North Country residents practicing different occupations.

Our weekly current affairs program, "WPBS Weekly: Inside the Stories" aired its 100th episode featuring dozens of local stories about topics as diverse as Horse Therapy, local ghost stories, the 85th anniversary of the TI Bridge, and local folk artisans.

We launched two new local information/interview series produced in our studios: "Look for the Helpers: Portraits in Community Service" and "Artistic Horizons."

We completed season 44 of the high school student quizbowl "Whiz Quiz" with host Mel Busler and our first High School Choir Christmas concert since 2019.

"Let Your Heart Be Light: Christmas in the Adirondacks," a concert of holiday season favorites, was filmed at the Strand Theater in Old Forge and has been seen nationally on

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Finally, we released new seasons of our travel/outdoor adventure series Epic Trails and Facing Waves as well as classic car series Radical Restoration and Vintage Vessels: Wooden Boats of the Water.

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# 'Yoga in the Schools' Program in Canton, Potsdam schools

The Canton Yoga Loft is pleased to announce the continuation of the innovative "Yoga in the Schools" program in collaboration with both the Canton and Potsdam school districts.

This is the second year for this groundbreaking program due to the generous support of the following sponsors: Canton Community Fund, Canton Rotary Club, Community Bank, the Northern New York Community Foundation, the Van Ness Family Fund and the Stewart's Foundation.

"Yoga in the Schools" provides a series of group yoga classes in collaboration with school physical education teachers at Banford Elementary and McKenney Middle School in Canton, and, Lawrence Avenue Elementary, A. A. Kingston Middle School and Potsdam High School in Potsdam.

Grades 3 through 8 are included in the Canton program. In Potsdam, yoga classes currently begin with 4th graders and are offered for all grades in middle school and high school.

Classes are taught by experienced and professional Yoga Loft instructors Sarah Scaffidi-McGuire and Lori Dye.

Student surveys of all students participating last year showed a great level of enthusiasm for the classes, with the many benefits of yoga including strength, stretching, balance, mind-

fulness and centering recognized and appreciated by students of all ages.

The Canton Yoga Loft and the Canton and Potsdam school districts are greatly appreciative of the support of our generous sponsors.

The longterm goal is to make the program sustainable. Program Coordinator Jane Lammer has high praise for the physical education staff in both school districts.

"Without the enthusiastic support and assistance of the dedicated PE staff, this program would not be possible! Their role in incorporating group yoga into the school curriculum has been absolutely essential," she said.

The Canton Yoga Loft is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to the mission of cultivating health, personal growth and community through Yoga and Wellness Practice.

The studio is located at 21 Miner St. in Canton. Class schedules and other information can be found on [www.yoga-loft.org](http://www.yoga-loft.org).

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# Norwood Village Green Series' 52nd season

The Norwood Village Green Concert Series, founded in 1974, will present its 52nd annual season in 2025. Its mission as "a non-for-profit founded to impact our home communities via inspiring and spirit uplifting public outdoor performances" continues.

Here are highlights for the upcoming season.

### 123 Andrés

123 Andrés are a husband-and-wife duo that creates children's music in both English and Spanish.

They have been winners of the Best Latin Children's Album category at the Latin Grammy Awards for Arriba Abajo.

In 2024, they won the Grammy Award for Best Children's Music Album for their album We Grow Together Children's Songs. They are the 32nd Grammy Award recipients to perform on the Norwood Green.

### Sue Foley

Sue Foley may well be the series' 33rd Grammy Awarded recipient as she has been nominated in 2025 in the Traditional Blues category for her "One Guitar Woman" recording.

Her pink Fender guitar hangs in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland next to the guitars of the greats.

She has received Juno, Blues Foundation, and Maple Blues Awards (including its Lifetime Achievement Award).

### Shavon Lloyd

Shavon received his Bachelor's degree from the Crane School of Music and was granted a full scholarship to Julliard where he received a Masters Degree in Vocal Performance.

He is a triple threat — a performer, a conductor, and a composer.

He has won awards in all three areas and has performed at Carnegie Hall, at Saratoga PAC, with the St. Louis Opera Company, and at the Opera House in Geneva, Switzerland.

He performed in a Memorial concert dedicated to his mentor Dr. Lonel Woods for the Norwood Village Green Concert Series in 2019.

He was nominated for SUNY Potsdam's Rising Star Award for 2025. That award is pending and is complementary to his performance in Norwood.

### Kody Norris

The Kody Norris Show is a talented group, made up of frontman Kody Norris, Josiah Tyree, Mary Rachel Nalley-Norris, and Charley Lowman.

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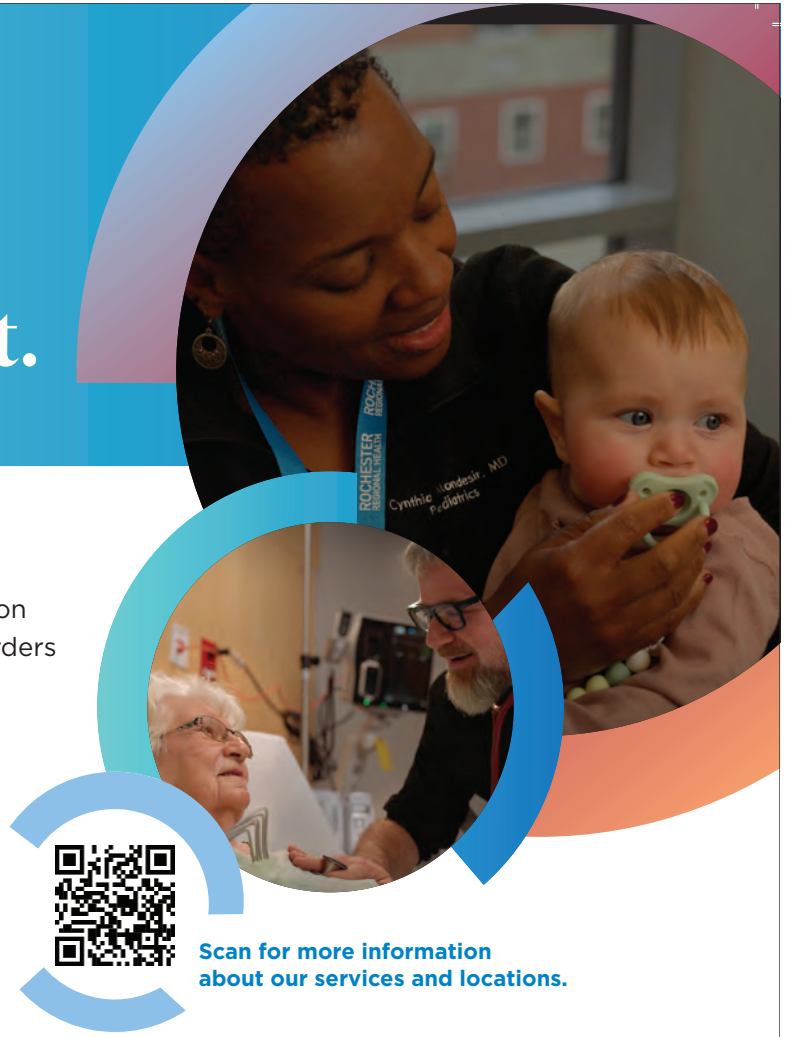
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“There is a whole chapter of country music that’s just kind of faded away,” Norris once said. “I believe The Kody Norris Show has been instrumental in bringing back some of that nostalgia and some of that classic look that country music and bluegrass used to have.”

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**The All Star Big Band**

The All Star Big Band under the direction of Wally Siebel will feature guest artist Jim Hynes. Hynes has performed on countless Broadway shows throughout his career. Among them are *Cats*, *Jerome Robbins Broadway*, *Chess*, *Beautiful* (the Carole King Musical), *On Your Feet*, *Color Purple*, etc.

He has performed, toured, and recorded with some of the top artists in the industry including Paul Simon, Sting, James Taylor, Beyonce, Michael Jackson, Quincy Jones, Cyndi Lauper, Elton John, Lady Gaga, Tony Bennett, and many others.

**More Info About Series**

For more information about the Norwood Village Green Concert Series, visit [www.nvgs.org](http://www.nvgs.org).

**NORWOOD Village Green Concert Series**  
*52nd Annual Season*  
**HIGHLIGHTS**

2025 will be highlighted by performances by 2004 Grammy Award Winners 123 Andrés and 2025 Grammy Nominee Sue Foley.

The Brindlestiff Family Cirkus, Jim Hynes, The Kody Norris Show, Las Guaracheras, and Shavon Lloyd It will also include Laura B, Kate Prascher, The All Star Big Band, Northern Symphonic Winds, Double Axel, Sister Cinnamon, Bluebird, two “We Cherish the Ladies” concerts, Northbound, Norwoodstock, Uprooted, Whiskey Room, The Old-Time Fiddlers Show, and conclude with Norwood’s own Brass Firemen. Along the way it will provide workshops for NNCS and CYM and a juggling workshop for the general public.

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# County Chamber builds on a year of growth and achievements

Building upon a year of growth and impactful achievements in 2024, the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce is diving into an exciting year in 2025 as we pursue increased value to Chamber memberships, increased engagement and support of the county's businesses, promotion of our communities, a huge lineup of impactful events, expanding tourism development initiatives, the next phases of Chamber Integration, and collaboration with local organizations.

2024 was a year of tremendous evolution for the Chamber as we built a new staff, grew our Board of Directors, delved into new tourism initiatives, and established new membership benefits.

We also effected the four-party legal business merger of the Massena, Ogdensburg, Canton, and St. Lawrence County Chambers – a process that has required patient and deliberate effort to implement logistically.

Through all those changes, we achieved much to benefit the County and its communities. Some of those achievements were included in the highlight reel from our 2024 Annual Dinner, sharing how we:

- Increased our marketing reach and effectiveness, with distribution of more than 10,000 Visitor & Relocation Guides and a record-setting 300,000+ views and interactions on our website.

- Hosted an impactful Not-For-Profit Conference that shared insights on people-based solutions for non-profits' boards of directors, volunteers, and donors.

- Graduated 14 new leaders from the St. Lawrence Leadership Institute.

- Fostered business ownership transition as the County's liaison to the North Country Center for Businesses in Transition.

- Continued partnership in individual communities and across the county and region – from the Ogdensburg Growth Fund to the Massena Rotary and the Canton Economic Development Steering Committee. From the SLC Workforce Development Board to Small Business Working Group and the North Country Alliance (through which we provide advocacy on key business and economic development issues into Albany).

- Set record participation at our tradeshows and community events like the Dairy Festival. The Holiday Market, for instance, had more than 4,000 shoppers and 100 vendors.

- Increased our digital communications with business and tourism electronic bulletins and countless posts to tens of thousands of followers on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Through our bulletins we provided information on events, business development and training opportunities, and member news.

- Provided networking opportunities at Business After Hours gatherings in Gouverneur, Ogdensburg, Massena, Canton, Potsdam, and Akwesasne.

These are just some highlights of the countless achievements of the past year.

Our 2024 programming laid a foundation for the year ahead and we have far loftier goals for 2025:

- The benefits of Chamber membership have been upgraded across all categories and we will work with our members so they are aware of, and taking advantage of, those robust benefits which can be reviewed at [visitstlc.com/membership-and-dues](http://visitstlc.com/membership-and-dues)

- We seek to increase engagement with our member businesses and organizations, connecting them to development opportunities pertinent to their needs, promoting them through digital and other marketing channels, and providing exceptional networking and business-to-business connections.

- A host of events are already booked for the year ahead, from the North Country Kids Expo to six Business After Hours, the Craft, Food & Wine Shows, Non-Profit Conference, the Annual Dinner, Dairy Festival Days, and many more. We hope to host many ribbon cuttings across the county.

- We will continue to work with countless partner organizations in business development, workforce development, government relations, advocacy, and tourism.

- And we shall strive to achieve our vision of an Integrated Chamber of Commerce, connecting that work to our members, the businesses, and the communities we serve.

We are pursuing the financial capacity to provide dedicated and increased staffing and operations in our Massena, Ogdensburg, and Canton offices. (The current sale listing and open Chamber positions at [www.STLCJobs.com](http://www.STLCJobs.com) are steps toward that capacity.)

We seek to grow Ambassador groups, host events, and promote community-driven events and initiatives.

As we build upon a year of evolution in 2024, the Chamber of Commerce casts its vision forward with enthusiasm to a year of growth, beneficial impact, and catalytic programming in 2025.

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## Child Advocacy Center educates on sleep safety

As a caregiver, you know that keeping your baby safe is most important, including when they sleep. All babies need a safe place to sleep.

The Child Advocacy Center of Northern New York, a program operated by the Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County, strives to ensure your baby is "Safe to Sleep" when putting them to bed.

This also decreases the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

There have been an increasing number of fatalities involving sleeping arrangements of infants — both sleeping alone in unsafe sleeping arrangements and sleeping with other persons.

"Safe to Sleep" tips to prevent infant deaths recommended by the Child Advocacy Center include:

- Placing your baby on their back to sleep, even for naps. "Back to Sleep" is the safest position to place your baby to reduce the risk of SIDS.

- Dress your baby lightly and keep

the room at a temperature that is comfortable for an adult to be lightly dressed.

- Dress your baby in clothing such as a one-piece sleeper or sleep sac. Do not use a blanket.

- Ensure you lay your baby to sleep in a child-safe crib that has a firm mattress covered by a fitted sheet. Crib slats should be 2 3/8 inches or less apart.

- Sofas, chairs, futons and waterbeds are not safe places for your baby to sleep.

It is commonplace for friends and family to give you fluffy blankets and stuffed animals as gifts for your new little one. However, these items are not safe to have in your baby's sleeping environment.

Pillows, comforters, and crib bumpers are also unsafe for babies.

It is also important to keep your home smoke free.

Bed sharing during sleep is not recommended since it may increase

the risk of the infant becoming caught in the bedding or smothered when others in bed shift while sleeping.

Bed sharing is especially dangerous if the caregiver has used alcohol or drugs of any kind since that may cause a deeper sleep that decreases the caregiver's awareness of the infant and sleeping arrangement.

You can find this information and more on the state Office of Children and Family Services website at [ocfs.ny.gov/programs/cps/safe-sleep.php](https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/cps/safe-sleep.php)

If you would like personalized information on how to keep your baby safe or are in need of a safe place for your baby to sleep, please contact the Child Fatality Review Team Coordinator of our Tri-County region at 315-755-1572.

The Child Fatality Review Team is a program of the Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County, 418 Washington St., Watertown. The phone number is 315-788-8520.

## The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence expanding services for children and improving facilities

The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence ([www.thearcjslc.org](http://www.thearcjslc.org)) continues to solidify their standing as the leading provider of service options for people with disabilities in the North Country.

During the next year, the agency will expand services for children and advocate for funding to enhance programs for people supported and employees.

Between the counties, there are 52 residential homes, a pre-school, a large variety of community employment options, two integrated businesses, five site-based day programs, federal contracts at the border stations and Fort Drum, two UPS stores, as well as educational programs for children, teens, and adults.

Clinical services such as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Therapy, are available. The agency also has Board Certified Behavior Analysts on staff to guide service plans that are created to suit each person's needs.

The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence employs over 1,100 staff members and has an annual budget of \$85 million. The agency is overseen by Lynn Pietroski, Chief Executive Officer. Jackie Sauter serves as the Board of Directors' President.

In 2024, The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence successfully restructured to maximize service options for the people supported and to improve resources for employees.

The agency implemented a new payroll system and provided trainings to ensure the workforce is highly skilled. The agency upgraded many facilities as part of a five-year renovation plan to modernize all locations.

In 2025, The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence will continue to move forward with the expansion of children's services in St. Lawrence County in partnership with Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority (OBPA).

Through this agreement with OPBA, the agency has the opportunity to serve 120 children and their families at a new state-of-the-art child care facility. Groundbreaking is planned for this spring.

Budget advocacy continues and legislative officials will be asked to support a 7.8% Medicaid rate increase to stabilize non-profit provider agencies.

Additional budget requests include the creation of a Wage Commission to examine the responsibilities of human service workers and establish fair, sustainable compensation standards and to establish a new capital program to make operations more energy-efficient, in alignment with the state's climate goals.

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

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She holds dual licenses in New York for Property & Casualty and Life & Health, is a Certified Insurance Counselor, and a Registered Employee Benefits Consultant. Tanya is also

in the process of earning her Certified Risk Manager designation.

Northern Insuring was pleased to welcome Caryn Harrington to the team in 2024. With 20 years of customer service experience, Caryn is eager to contribute and grow within the organization. She is licensed in Property and Casualty and looks forward to expanding her knowledge of the industry. Caryn joins Tanya in the Business Insurance Division.

Ashley Kalman-Smith, a local resident, is a friendly and committed personal insurance sales executive who prioritizes both securing the proper coverage and cost savings for her clients.

She understands the importance of balancing affordability with adequate

protection, and her expertise ensures that your needs are met with care.

Ashley stays current with industry trends and regulations, and holds a Property and Casualty license.

Amanda Terrance's role at Northern Insuring Agency is multi-faceted as she manages incoming calls for our Potsdam office, serves as a Notary Public, and is a support specialist in our business insurance division.


Amanda also helps the company stay compliant with industry regulations by assisting with our licensing and education budgets.

Northern Insuring Agency is celebrating 95 years in 2025 of dedicated service to the North Country. They look forward to serving the community for many years to come!

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# St. Lawrence County donors partner with NNY Community Foundation to strengthen quality of life

The Northern New York Community Foundation partners with many generous families, individuals, businesses, and organizations across St. Lawrence County to support broad charitable interests.

Since 1929, the Community Foundation has worked to make the region a better place to live, work and play.

Its commitment to donors helps them achieve charitable objectives now and for generations to come by preserving and honoring legacies of community philanthropy.

The Foundation is also a resource for local charitable organizations, students, donors, professional advisors, and nonprofits.

The Rock Charitable Fund of the Community Foundation continues to make a meaningful and enduring impact on the places and people of St. Lawrence County, recently awarding \$148,460 to support projects at 11 organizations in the county.

Also in St. Lawrence County, the Foundation's Dr. D. Susan Badenhausen Legacy Fund made its fourth series of grant awards, providing nearly \$52,287 to 11 nonprofits dedicated to strengthening critical and essential needs for county residents and enhancing arts and culture.

In Potsdam, a legacy fund honoring John and Dorothea VanNess awarded \$16,000 to support initiatives at four nonprofit organizations whose work improves the quality of life for Potsdam residents.

Eleven organizations serving St. Lawrence County residents shared \$18,250 in Community Foundation Micro Grant funding last year, including: Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center Foundation, Cranberry Lake North Shore Hub, Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley, Indian Creek Nature Center, Massena Fire Department, Massena Meals On Wheels, New Horizons Bands of Northern New York, Northern Area Health Education Center, Police Activities League of Massena, Potsdam Snack Pack Program, and the St. Lawrence County People Project.

Through its LEAD Impact Grant Program, the Foundation's LEAD Council awarded \$7,000 in funding to three St. Lawrence County organizations — Salvation Army of Massena, GardenShare, and the Norfolk-Raymondville Food Pantry to help with projects and programs that aid residents.

The Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Council awarded a \$1,000 mission-based grant to St. Lawrence Land Trust.

Three St. Lawrence County organizations also shared \$10,500 in competitive Youth Philanthropy Council grant funding, including the Wilderness HealthCare Foundation, the Potsdam Snack Pack Program, and the St. Lawrence County People Project.

Two St. Lawrence County students representing two different middle schools were among 10 winners of the seventh Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge.

Each student presented a \$1,000 grant to support a St. Lawrence County nonprofit.

The Foundation welcomed Air Products as a new corporate partner last year.

The global energy company established the Air Products Greater Massena Community Fund, from which it awarded nearly \$48,000 in grant support to local nonprofits.

Air Products also awarded \$25,000 in scholarships through the Air Products Greater Massena Scholarship Fund it established.

Community Foundation support to St. Lawrence County food pantries, soup kitchens, and backpack programs topped \$30,000 last year to 26 organizations who help neighbors in need.

In December, the Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club and the Police Activities League of Massena were each awarded \$2,500 in grant funding to support their work and mission to serve the county's youth.

Other major Foundation grants to support St. Lawrence County included \$35,000 to help the Ogdensburg Public Library strengthen accessibility; \$16,000 to support the St. Lawrence County Health Initiative; and \$10,000 to the Salvation Army of Massena to help complete a new commercial kitchen.

Through partnerships with all 17 St. Lawrence County school districts, the Community Foundation awarded scholarships totaling nearly \$180,000 to 88 graduating high school students.

Among those awarded were 10 students who each received a \$3,000 Evergreen STEM Scholarship to pursue studies in a STEM-related field.

The Foundation administers educational foundations for Potsdam Central, St. Lawrence Central, Massena Central and Hermon-DeKalb Central School Districts and an alumni scholarship for Ogdensburg Free Academy.

Anyone may establish a charitable fund at the Community Foundation to support a cause, community, or organization about which they are passionate, both now and in the future, with added stewardship.

Charitable funds may be created in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. Donors may also choose to give to the Friends of the Foundation Community Betterment Fund, which supports core programs and initiatives across the region.

The Community Foundation is in the Northern New York Philanthropy Center, 131 Washington St., Watertown, with a Canton extension office in partnership with Grasse River Heritage.

Contact the Northern New York Community Foundation by phone at 315-782-7110, or by email at [info@nnycf.org](mailto:info@nnycf.org).

Visit the Community Foundation's website at [nnycf.org](http://nnycf.org) to learn more the organization and the work they do.

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