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Canton push continues to reduce Rt. 11 speed

Town supervisor,
mayor meet with
DOT director

BY JOSH DAVIS
North Country This Week

CANTON— Reducing the speed limit on East Main Street took top priority in a conversation between town and village officials and New York State Department of Transportation Region 7 director Robert Haynes on Jan 22.

The area in question extends from the village's eastern limits to the entrance of the St. Lawrence Health Medical Complex off U.S. Route 11.

Officials are once again hoping that DOT will consider reducing the speed limit on the stretch, which has been the site of numerous car accidents in recent years, including one fatal crash.

"Cars go as fast as they want there," village Mayor Michael Dalton said. Officials have made official requests three times to see the limit reduced from 55 to 40 miles per hour. Those requests have been denied.

Town Supervisor Mary Ann

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Photo submitted by Justin Todd

2,042 points breaks Section X record

Potsdam Central sophomore Ian VanWagner broke the Section X boys' basketball scoring record Jan. 30 against Ogdensburg Free Academy. VanWagner surpassed 2,042 points, which was the previous record, set by Chateaugay's Jonah McDonald in 2020. Above, he brings the ball up court as he looks for an open player or scoring opportunity. Read more on B8.

Clarkson names Larson as first female president

Replaces former President Christensen
who resigned for 'personal reasons'

POTSDAM — Clarkson has named Michelle Larson as its first ever female president.

Clarkson University Board of Trustees have selected Larson, PhD as the 19th President, marking a historic moment as the first woman to lead the university in its 128-year history.

A physicist by training, Larson brings a "remarkable blend of academic and non-profit business leadership expertise, all rooted in her deep commitment to science and higher education," a release from Clarkson said.

Larson joins Clarkson University from The Adler Planetarium in Chicago, where she has served as President and CEO since 2013.

"Naming Dr. Larson as Clarkson's next leader is a significant milestone for the institution," said Nancy Reyda, Chair of the Clarkson University Board of Trustees. "Michelle has the personal character and a unique blend of professional experience that will enable her to lead Clarkson to a transformational future. She's a powerful, vision-



Michelle Larson

ary leader we believe in." From the outset, the search process was intentional and inclusive, the release said.

"We established a Search Committee representing a wide range of perspectives within our university community," Reyda said. "Undergraduate and graduate students, professors, alumni, staff and Trustees all had a voice. Inclusivity was paramount."

The search began with over

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Boyden Brook Body Works turns 40

Business is so good, major expansion project underway

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON — It was 40 years ago when Jim Rose decided he wanted to own and operate his own body shop. Now four decades later, that one-bay garage on the Meade Road has turned into a 10,000-square-foot facility that is well known to the North Country for its wide range of automotive services.

Boyden Brook Body Works,

159 Meade Road, has reached the 40-year milestone, opening its doors in 1985.

"Jim said he knew then that he didn't want to do body work for anyone else, so he decided to do it on his own," stated Jim's wife Pam. "He put a trailer in and built a small shop that has morphed into what we have now."

"He started with small body jobs, then an interesting story on how he did UPS trucks. He would

work all day, have dinner, put his kids to bed and then drive to deliver the one he had fixed and pick up another, driving to Potsdam, Syracuse, Albany and all over," Pam noted.

Boyden Brook has 20 full-time employees and a few part-timers, including Brad Carrier who has worked for the Roses for 25 years.

Besides the body shop, Boyden

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Pictured above is the original Boyden Brook Body Works building in 1985.

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Town okays agreement with SLC, Colton for shared services

BY ADAM ATKINSON

North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The town recently approved two agreements with other governments for 2025 which will enable the town highway department to conduct its business and handle projects more effectively.

The town board at its January meeting approved a hold harmless agreement between the town of Potsdam and St. Lawrence County, as well as a intermunicipal shared services agreement with the town

of Colton.

In the hold harmless agreement with the county, the town, seeking shared services from the county for projects like paving, signage, road striping, blasting, and other routine maintenance, will release the county from any liability it might incur during shared work for the year of 2025.

Specifically the resolution states "to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Town of Potsdam will indemnify and hold harmless the County, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents

and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court costs and liability (including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part and in any manner from injury and/or death of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out of any negligent or intentional acts and/or omissions of the Town of Potsdam or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents."

The resolution further extends

the town's general liability insurance to cover the county during such work. The policy will cover the county for materials and products losses as well as for personal injury, fire damage and medical payments at the following levels:

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- \$3,000,000 General Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Products Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Personal Injury
- \$50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability
- \$5,000 Medical Payment Expense.

The intermunicipal agreement with the town of Colton establishes a shared services arrangement between the two municipalities for two years.

The agreement allows the two

municipalities to utilize "highway, non-highway, specialty equipment and /or skilled personnel (including equipment operators)" if available for authorized public works projects.

"It is expected that assistance, in whatever form, will be reciprocal and roughly equal over a period of time, and that the exchange and sharing of equipment and personnel will result in more cost effective work performance at minimal extra cost to either party," the resolution said.

Both parties are expected to sign a memorandum in advance specifying what services, equipment or manpower will be shared and for how long.

Each municipality is still responsible for its own employees.

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Canton to ask county for help paving former McDonald's lot

BY JOSH DAVIS

North Country This Week

CANTON—Town and village officials want Canton's municipal building parking lot on the St. Lawrence County Highway Department's paving schedule this spring.

The town and village have encountered perennial difficulties in securing an affordable paving contract for the lot at 64 Main Street, the former site of a McDonald's restaurant.

That building was razed in June 2024 at a cost of roughly \$64,000.

Discussions of a potential paving project were put on hold until spring at an October joint municipal meeting when private bids for the paving work came in costlier than expected.

Canton officials approached the county last year with the same request, though the work could not be scheduled due to the timing.

Now officials are once again discussing the possibility of complet-

ing the project with help from St. Lawrence County work crews.

Village Mayor Michael Dalton said "we've got to be ready to go when the county can be here," saying the county's paving schedule may already be filling with appointments.

Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley asserted the need to gauge an

estimated cost of the project when completed by county works crews.

"Hopefully it won't be too expensive," Ashley said.

Town Councilman Wayne Cuthbert suggested that the paving job be combined with some of Canton's other paving needs in order to maximize the use of the county's shared

time.

The reuse and redevelopment of the property align with one of the priorities outlined in Canton's comprehensive plan, which looks to "promote the redevelopment of existing properties and reuse of existing buildings to retain a compact development pattern."



April Barnes | Submitted

Snow angel in Canton

A large snow angel greets those at the entrance to St. Lawrence University, Canton. A few students were observed sculpting the angel last week.

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NOTABLE

SUNY Canton Assistant Professor Stacia R. Smith, D. Tech., was selected as a fellow during the inaugural selection process for the New York Association for Career and Technical Education (NYSACTE) Postsecondary State Career Technical Education (CTE) Leaders Fellowship.

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Reflections of a Diaper Hill Kid: Author returns to share memories

BY MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week

POTSDAM – An author who wrote about Baby Boomers in Potsdam will return to the area this summer.

Perhaps some North Country This Week readers will recall the heartwarming and nostalgic series of essays written by Sandra Sorell (Paige) as her loving tribute to growing up in 1950s in Potsdam.

First appearing in NCN in 2017, the essays were later compiled in a book entitled “Reflections of a Diaper Hill Kid”.

“The book captures the innocence, pure magic, and wonderful chaos of living in Clarkson’s early faculty housing units affectionately known as Diaper Hill.” she said.

This was home to young professors and administrators, their wives/husbands, and many newly born “Boomer Babies”.

Although the essays are personal, most Baby Boomers are able to relate to what went on in that much simpler and more innocent era.

Sorell will return to Potsdam

‘The book captures the innocence, pure magic, and wonderful chaos of living in Clarkson’s early faculty housing units affectionately known as Diaper Hill.’

Sanda Sorell
Potsdam Author

SummerFest this July and will have a booth with copies of her book, and some homemade crafts.

“In the seven years since its publication, an unexpected, but most welcome, phenomenon has surrounded the book,” she said.

“Reflections has become a medium for re-connection. People to people, people to places, places to memories, and memories to many personal reflections, the book tells stories of growing up in an idyllic place, filled with deep attachments, abiding friendships, and joyful recollection,” Sorell said.

She said she hopes people will stop by her booth with its display of her books (and unique button creations), to say “Hello” and share reflections of growing up in Potsdam, no matter what the decade.

The author lived in Potsdam from 1953 to 1960 and, then again, from 1969 to 1973.

She majored in psychology and literature at Clarkson University, graduating in 1973. She and her husband Neal live in Voorheesville, and return to Potsdam and the North Country whenever they have the opportunity.

To purchase the book, visit bit.ly/4jfIKVp.



Cheryl Shumway | NCTW

Trooper snowman steals the show

A snowman state trooper, sporting the traditional hat and tie, greeted those attending the annual Frosty Fest held at Ives Park, Potsdam last month. From left, Potsdam Police officer Stephen Davis, and State Troopers Matt Baker and Alex Williamson. Ives Park came alive with a variety of sculptures, from penguins, a turtle, frog, cat, dog and whale shark, to Stitch, Rubik's cube and the solar system. Several snowmen also appeared, including a trooper snowman created by a Potsdam police officer and two state troopers.

St. Lawrence County students named to SUNY Canton's president's list

CANTON – The following Potsdam and Canton area students were named to the SUNY Canton President's List for the fall 2024 semester.

To earn a spot on the President's List, full-time students must earn a 3.75 or greater GPA during a single semester of study.

They include:

Canton: Matthew J. Barrick, Electrical Construction & Maintenance major, Natalie E. Bartle, Applied Psychology major, Robert Beaudin, Electrical Construction & Maintenance major, Emily Crossway, Early Childhood Care & Management major, Jeff W. Dumas, Information Technology major, Fiona I. Heath, Graphic and Multimedia Design major, Mahala K. McIntosh, Electrical Engineering Technology major, Austin J. Mesler, Sports Management major, Joette L. Peacock, Applied Psychology major, Justin T. Phillips, Engineering Science major,

Chantel R. Sherman, Undeclared Major major, Jennah M. Thompson, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, Ash N. Vanderwege, Health Care Management major, Zachary A. Wells, Forensic Criminology major, and Jonathan T. Zimmerman, Game Design and Development major.

Colton Harlee V. Besio, Mechanical Engineering Technology major, Quintin Blake, Game Design and Development major, Morgan E. Cole, Health & Fitness Promotion major, Layla Johnson, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, Abeni E. Payne, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, and Crysten M. Weems, Early Childhood Care & Management major.

DeKalb Junction: Zach A. Denesha, Sports Management major, Eamon J. Goodwin, Cybersecurity major, Richard H. Haller, Technological Communications major, Patrick B. Nicholson, Game Design and Development major, and Elisabeth D. Riley, Health Care Management major.

Edwards: Abby M. Hart, Applied Psychology major, and Emily A. Tresidder, Cybersecurity major.

Hermon: Josh P. Bailey, Electrical

Engineering Technology major, Kailey Hernandez, Applied Psychology major, Chelsea R. Matthews, Applied Psychology major, Olivia G. Sharpe, Health Care Management major, Ryan D. Willard, Construction Technology: Management major, and Dylan J. Wood, Health & Fitness Promotion major.

Madrid: Alexus D. Cuthbert, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, Marissa Hawkins, Applied Psychology major, Raven E. Murphy, Applied Psychology major, Kyle J. Murphy, Business Administration major, Kylie R. Planty, Nursing major, Lane Ruddy, Applied Psychology major, Caedmon J. Ruehle, Electrical Engineering Technology major, and Alexis M. Sullivan, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major.

Nicholsburg: Victoria M. McCarty, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major.

Norfolk: Logan P. Bradley, Cybersecurity major, Hayden M. Bullock, Physical Therapist Assistant major, Logan M. Clark, Liberal Arts-General Studies major, Corbin R. Gardner, Cybersecurity major, Kyle M. McCuin, Undeclared Major major, Sammy L. Munson, Bachelor of Science in

Nursing major, and Margaret R. Wagstaff, Veterinary Science Technology major.

North Lawrence: Kailee E. LaBier, Individual Studies major, and Damien M. Martin, Criminal Justice major.

Norwood: Dustin R. Agen, Electrical Construction & Maintenance major, Tarron Colbert, Business Administration major, Amber D. Curtis, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, Willow I. Jones, Individual Studies major, Alyssa E. Pruitt, Cybersecurity major, Matthew A. Richards, Sports Management major, and Peyton G. Sheehan, Physical Therapist Assistant major.

Parishville: Leland J. Blevins, Finance major, Caleb Knowles, Health & Fitness Promotion major, Jakob J. Pendergraft, Automotive Technology major, Evan S. Penner, Cybersecurity major, and Spencer J. Rabideau, Undeclared Major major.

Potsdam: Charlotte Baldwin, Health & Fitness Promotion major, Dailyn M. Cole, Early Childhood Care & Management major, Timothy G. Frick, Game Design and Development major, Rebecca L. Gonzy, Applied Psychology major, Sarah M.

Irwin, Applied Psychology major, Madison LaPointe, Veterinary Technology major, Spencer Lawrence, Information Technology major, Tim G. Murphy, Information Technology major, Gordon Nehm, Undeclared Major major, James B. Prescott, Automotive Technology major, Olivia Scott, Early Childhood Care & Management major, and Arianna L. Simpson, Applied Psychology major.

Rensselaer Falls: Christopher S. Hall, Health & Fitness Promotion major, Mia E. Mousaw, Applied Psychology major, Wyatt M. Newman, Law Enforcement Leadership major, and Landon Wiegandt, Construction Technology: Management major.

Russell: Brady M. Butler, Health & Fitness Promotion major, Cooper P. Mackay, Funeral Services Administration major, Dekoda L. Matthews, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, and Alex Zaslavskiy, Individual Studies major.

West Stockholm: Brooke A. Bradley, Legal Studies major, and Colleen D. Cheney, Graphic and Multimedia Design major.

BRIEFLY

Knights of Columbus

CANTON – The Knights of Columbus Sarto Council 1059 have been busy. The council had the honor of presenting roses and a box of chocolates (wrapped in the funnies) to widows of past Knights. Each year the tradition is to remind them they are still part of our Sarto

Council family. The Knights also made a \$500 donation to the Canton College Foundation Linda Fay Endowment. The Council made a \$1,000 donation to the Church and Community Program as well.

Potsdam woman presents
POTSDAM -- A Potsdam resident

was among a group of Clarkson University students who recently presented their research at the Psychonomic Society 65th Annual Meeting in New York City last fall. Psychology major Isabella Makdouli '27 from Potsdam, presented her research titled "Adaptivity in Human Search Processes."

National Guard promotions

Two members of the New York Army National Guard from Chase Mills and Canton have been promoted. Andrew Favreau, of Chase Mills, and assigned to the Company C, NY Recruiting & Retention Battalion, received a promotion Dec. 10 to the rank of private. Justin Estep, of Can-

ton, and assigned to the Company B, 427th Brigade Support Battalion, received a promotion Dec. 5 to the rank of sergeant. Army National Guard promotions are based on a Soldier's overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential.

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Notices of new property assessments expected to be ready in March

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- The town is nearing completion on its tax assessment revaluation project, and new assessments could be ready for residents by early spring.

An information meeting planned with representatives from the firm GAR Associates LLC of Williamsville regarding the town's tax assessment revaluation project on Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m., at the Town Hall 18 Elm St. For reservations, call 1 (866) 910-1776.

The town contracted with GAR early in 2024 to conduct a town-wide reassessment of taxable properties, the first such revaluation since 2013. The municipality budgeted \$200,000 for the work, but the final cost could be higher, town officials have said. GAR is the same firm which handled the city of Ogdensburg's recent reassessment.

Town Tax Assessor Danielle Mitchell said the preliminary results of GAR's revaluations are nearing completion.

"My office is in the last stages of finalizing the preliminary 2025 assessments with GAR. A disclosure notice will be mailed out to each property owner March 1st stating their new assessed value and with an accompanying letter outlining the informal review process with GAR if they believe their new value is inaccurate," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said after the disclosure notices are received by property owners, there will be an informal review period and then the final

roll will be filed May 1. A formal grievance day with the town's board of assessment review will follow that, Mitchell told North Country This Week.

"The Final Assessment Roll, which tax bills are based on, is filed July 1st. The first bill that will reflect the new assed values will be school bills in September 2025," Mitchell said.

The assessor said her office received feedback from the public when inventory data mailers were sent to property owner's last October. The mailers gave property owners a chance to look over the building and property information on file with her office.

"Property owners were engaged in the processes and we received valuable information specific to the property inventory," Mitchell said.

The upcoming information meeting on Feb. 10 is an opportunity for the public to learn more about the revaluation process, and ask questions about the reassessment, Mitchell said.

"The information meeting is intended to educate the property owners on reassessment. Why it is important, how it is done, and how the informal review process works. There will be time for public Q&A after a short presentation from GAR," said Mitchell.

Mitchell pointed out that the new property values will not be finalized till later this year.

"While property owners are notified of their preliminary assessments on March 1st, the assessed values and the assessment roll are not final until July 1st. This project does not generate

any new revenue for the Town and the tax levies are established by the various taxing jurisdictions (County, Town, School). The new assessed values will redistribute each property owner's slice of the pie (tax levy) they are responsible for, based on the fair market value of their property," the assessor told North Country This Week.

Mitchell said the reassessment will leave a more equitable tax situation across the board for town property owners.

"This reassessment project was put in place prior to me being the full-time assessor. While it will be nice for me to have a clean slate, maintaining fair and equitable assessments is important to any assessment office and is in the best interest of the taxpayers," Mitchell said. "It ensures each property owner is paying their fair share. Currently, there are some inequities in the assessment roll which translate into tax liability inequities among property owners. By bringing everyone to a level playing field and at 100% full market value it increases property owners' understanding of assessment and equity in the overall tax roll."

The assessor encourages property owners and members of the public to turn out for the informational meeting on the 10th.

"Knowledge is power. Educate yourself on the process so you know what to expect and how to proceed through the informal review process - if needed. We want to spread the information to quell any fears or misconceptions about the project and the process," Mitchell said.

what their political affiliation is, he hooks his chain up and pulls them out.

He plans to govern the same way. He said that if he's elected to congress he'll be representing all of the constituents regardless of their party membership.

"I do not see myself being a victim of the lines being drawn. This is my neighborhood," he said.

Gendebien wants to go to D.C. as an advocate for the entire North Country.

He wants to tackle the problems that face everyone right now. That includes reducing grocery prices, fuel prices and holding line on tax burdens.

He says there needs to be an emphasis put on housing initiatives to create something people can afford and make sure help is in place to address an aging electorate as senior care is vanishing in the North Country.

He said he is disappointed in government gridlock and jockeying for power he's seen on both sides of the aisle.

"It resulted in a lot of inaction in the North Country," he said.

Gendebien said when he sees a car off the road, he doesn't ask



Jim Reagen | Submitted

Congresswoman says goodbye

Rep. Elise Stefanik held a farewell event at the Gran View in Ogdensburg on Saturday where she offered appreciation to her supporters and constituents. Among those attending were St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators Chairman Dave Forsythe, left, and his wife Paula, right. Stefanik is expected to vacate her seat after accepting a cabinet position as U.N. Ambassador.

Fowler woman accepts plea deal in shaking death of infant in 2023

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This

FOWLER -- A Fowler woman who pled guilty to assault in the first-degree in the shaking death of a five-month old infant in 2023 is expected to receive 14 years in prison.

According to a release from District Attorney Gary Pasqua, Tiara Allen, 27, accepted a plea deal on Jan. 31 that included 14 years in prison and five years of post-release supervision.

Allen was slated to go to trial on Feb. 3 but admitted she "recklessly engaged in conduct that created a grave risk of death to the infant under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life."

"She further admitted her actions caused serious physical injury, including death, to the infant," Pasqua said.

Allen was originally indicted for Murder in the Second Degree, Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Assault in the First Degree, Reckless Assault of a Child and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in regards to the death of the child.

She has been held in St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility since the incident on \$250,000 bail.

Prior to the murder charge, Allen was arraigned for charges of reckless assault of a child,

and endangering the welfare of a child and ordered held in lieu of \$10,000 cash, \$20,000 bond.

Police said Allen was charged after an investigation determined that on July 7, 2023 around 9:40 a.m., she was in the care of her boyfriend's 5-month-old child at their residence on Sand Road in the town of Fowler. Allen allegedly became "frustrated with the child's incessant crying" and began to shake the child, police said.

Shortly thereafter, the child became unresponsive and was transported to Gouverneur Hospital.

The child was transported to Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital, Syracuse, NY, where the child was diagnosed with Anoxic Brain Injury and Subdural Hematoma as result of Allen's actions, police said.

The child died as a result of the injuries.

On July 13, 2023 Allen, was charged for reckless assault of a child, and endangering the welfare of a child, but now more severe charges have been filed in the wake of the victim's death.

With the plea deal now in place, Allen will continue to be held at St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility.

She will be sentenced on April 2 at 10 a.m. in St. Lawrence County Court.

NY-21 Dems select Lisbon's Gendebien as Congressional candidate

LISBON -- The Democratic Chairs of NY-21 are unanimously supporting Blake Gendebien as their special election candidate for the New York 21st Congressional District.

Gendebien will now run against an unknown Republican candidate to replace outgoing Congresswoman Elise Stefanik. Stefanik is likely to be approved as President Donald Trump's pick as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations in the coming days.

Though no timetable has been established for the election, it is believed real estate salesperson Liz Joy, of Glens Falls, and local businessman Josh Parker, of Canton, along with St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators Chairman David Forsythe, State Senator Dan Stec, businessman Anthony Constantino and up to seven other potential nominees are still in the running.

"The 15 Democratic Chairmen of NY-21 announced their unanimous support for longtime North Country resident Blake Gendebien as the candidate they will nominate when and if a Special Election is called. Gendebien, owner and President of Twin Mill Farms in Lisbon, New York since 2002 as well

as Vice-Chairman of Agri-Mark Dairy Cooperative covering New York and New England, brings an authentic voice that will fight for sensible solutions to the challenges affecting NY-21 and this nation. As a husband, father, farmer, small business owner and former school board member, Blake will fight to lower costs and secure our borders. An outsider to the political arena, Blake Gendebien embodies the voice and grit that distinguishes this district," Democratic Chairs said in a release.

In a recent interview with North Country This Week Gendebien said he is a candidate who is not beholden to parties and will seek to represent the North Country.

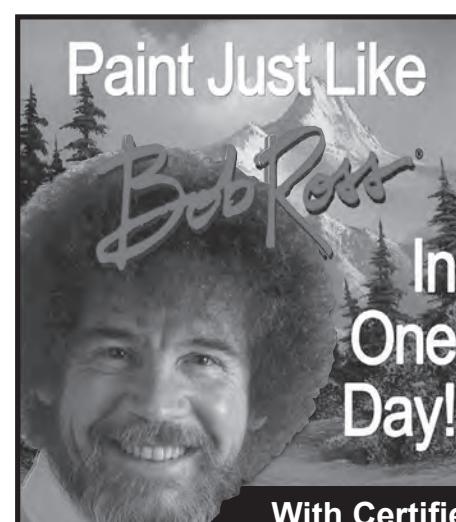
"I'm not a politician. I'm a farmer at heart who cares about my neighbors. I don't have pressure from Albany. I don't have pressure from D.C."

He said he is disappointed in government gridlock and jockeying for power he's seen on both sides of the aisle.

"It resulted in a lot of inaction in the North Country," he said.

Gendebien said when he sees a car off the road, he doesn't ask

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Village hires new auditing firm

Company will complete all past-due audits

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The village has hired a new firm to handle its annual audit.

EFPR Group, LLP, certified public accountants, based in Rochester, will be handling the work moving forward.

The village board of trustees approved the contract with the firm at their special meeting on Jan. 22, with three votes in favor. Two of the five board members had resigned from their seats on the board, leaving three for the quorum and consensus vote on hiring the firm.

EFPR will conduct the required audits of the village finances for fiscal years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Audits for those years were expected to be completed by the village's previous audit contractor, Potsdam-based financial firm Pinto Mucenski Hooper

VanHouse & Co., CPA's, PC. That firm has been unable to complete the audits in a timely fashion due to staffing issues, village officials have said.

In response, the village began circulating a request for qualifications among various firms last fall. Two responded.

The annual audit is required of municipalities by the state and is traditionally available in February for the previous fiscal year. However, in recent years, the village has not received its audits until the following October, if at all.

Former Village Trustee Monique Tirion who recently resigned from the board raised concerns about the lack of the audit and how that limits the village trustee's ability to make informed decisions on the day-to-day village financial decisions they are asked to vote on.

"Pending board approval today, the village has selected EFPR Group to conduct the village's past, current

and future financial statements," Village Administrator Isabelle Gates-Shult told board members at the meeting during her earlier report. "EFPR will get us up to speed on all of our outstanding 2022-2023 audit, as well as our 2023-2024 audit."

The administrator said that some surrounding municipalities have also hired EFPR as their auditing firm, including the village of Massena and Town of Potsdam. She said the firm also provides some services to state agencies like the state Comptroller.

"One of the points the firm made is that they can work on multiple audits concurrently, meaning they can wrap up our 2022-23 audit while also be getting work [done] on our 2023-24 audit. This will enable the village to streamline the budget process and have a more accurate picture of the year-to-day actuals that we are looking for," Gates-Shult said.

Liberty Utility customers urged to comment on potential rate hike

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Liberty Utilities has filed a request to increase rates for gas services but county legislators are calling on the state to take action to curb the request.

Liberty Utilities is seeking permission to increase its gas rates, which could lead to an 11.45% increase for residential users.

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

Liberty Utilities currently provides service to Brasher, Winthrop, Canton, Gouverneur, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Madrid, Massena, Norfolk, North

Lawrence, Norwood, Ogdensburg, Potsdam and Waddington in St. Lawrence County. Services are also provided to Beaver Falls, New Bremen, Croghan, Chateaugay and Malone.

They say increased operating costs are driving the request.

But legislators are saying the rate hike is simply too much at a time when North Country residents continue to struggle to make ends meet.

According to county officials, if the rate increase were to be approved, monthly bills would increase by \$5.67 for a residential heat customer using 81 therms per month.

That represents a 2.5% increase on the total bill or 5.7% increase on the delivery bill.

According to Liberty Utilities, 14,862 residential, 1,770 commercial, 21 industrial and two cogeneration customers are currently serviced by the company.

Public comment is open with the New York State Public Service Commission, who are accepting comments both for and against the hike.

Legislators said they want all residents who have the ability to weigh-in before the deadline to ensure the Commission has a full picture of the potential impact.

1. Serenity.
2. El Yunque National Forest, Puerto Rico.
3. "The Picture of Dorian Gray."
4. Buffalo Bill.
5. Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Formal Sciences.
6. White Castle.
7. 14 (Atlanta Falcons, Arizona Cardinals, Baltimore Ravens, Carolina Panthers, Chicago Bears, Cincinnati Bengals, Denver Broncos, Detroit Lions, Indianapolis Colts, Jacksonville Jaguars, Los Angeles Rams, Miami Dolphins, Philadelphia Eagles and Seattle Seahawks).
8. Maryland.
9. 88.
10. Ikebana.



BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The town board and supervisor approved appointments, contracts and policies for 2025 at its annual reorganizational meeting Tuesday, Jan. 14.

A resolution was passed to set the salaries for the board of assessment review members at \$20 per hour for chairman, \$17.50 per hour for other members and \$20 per hour for the minute taker.

Stipends for planning board and zoning board members were approved. The board set the stipends to \$600 for the chairman and \$300 for each member.

The board voted to authorize Supervisor Marty Miller to sign the local health officer agreement with the county and appoint the county health director as the local health director for the town of Potsdam.

The town board also adopted its 2025 employee travel policy, set per

diem rates for authorized trips and authorized town board members and the town attorney to attend the annual Association of Town's Conference with the town paying for registration, rooms, food and travel expenses.

The board also approved to have the supervisor attend the conference or seminars as needed with similar expenses paid.

Town Highway Superintendent John Keleher, acting assessor Dani Mitchell, Town Clerk Cindy Goliber and the deputy clerk, Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Murray were authorized to attend training schools and conferences with expenses paid as well.

The town's car policy and mileage rate (70 cents per mile) were also established at the meeting.

The board also authorized the supervisor, deputy supervisor and clerk to handle regular banking business for the town.

The following contracts for



Todd O'Brien | Submitted

Cold waters, hot fishing streak

Three young Potsdam men try out their luck at ice fishing in the St. Lawrence River in Waddington recently. They caught 25 perch and a pike. From left are Adam Cook, Dylan LaMora and Tanner O'Brien.

Repeat cannabis offender raided in Canton

CANTON — Over six pounds of unlicensed cannabis were seized at a Canton convenience store following a raid by local law enforcement Thursday.

Canton Police Department Chief Ryan Cole said ongoing complaints regarding the illegal sale of cannabis at 71 Main Street led village law enforcement to execute a search warrant.

The shop has been ordered to close multiple times by inspectors from the State Office of Cannabis Management.

The search warrant resulted in the seizure of \$4,848 in U.S. currency, approximately 3,008.3 grams or roughly 6.6 pounds of raw cannabis, and 665.14 grams or

roughly 1.4 pounds of concentrated cannabis.

Village police arrested Albaraa Muhamarram, of Bronx, with two counts of unlawful sale of cannabis, a violation, and two counts of third-degree criminal possession of cannabis, a felony.

Muhamarram was issued appearance tickets returnable in Canton Town Court.

Canton Police Department was assisted by the St. Lawrence County Drug Task Force, St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police VGNET, United States Border Patrol, and the Department of Homeland Security Investigations.

SLC sheriff unveils Autism driver initiative

CANTON — St. Lawrence County law enforcement will begin using blue envelopes during traffic stops as part of a new safety initiative for drivers with autism.

The St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office announced Sunday that they will participate in the "Blue Envelope" program. Drivers with autism will keep an envelope containing their license, registration, insurance, and an emergency contact card. It also includes instructions for both the driver and officer.

The envelope helps officers recognize drivers with autism, ensuring safer interactions by adjusting their approach. The Sheriff's Office emphasized the program's importance, noting that individuals with autism may respond differently during traffic stops.

National Grid phone scam hits St. Lawrence County

BY JOSH DAVIS

North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG—A new round of phone scams is circulating in St. Lawrence County.

Sherman Inn owner Donna Reagan says her business in Ogdensburg received a scam call from someone claiming to be from National Grid and attempting to collect an overdue bill.

"I knew it was false," she said, but wanted to make the public aware to prevent others from becoming subject to fraud.

She said she was given a case number to provide with a payment, adding that these types of calls try to intimidate the answerer into complying with their demands.

"You get into a panic" she said, saying that scammers use fear to urge their victims into compliance.

State Police Public Information officer Brandi Ashley said that Troopers had not been alerted of the National Grid scam as of Thursday morning, but warned against providing any personal information over the phone. Trooper Ashley also warned against ever using gift cards as a form of payment.



Cheryl Shumway | NCTW

Back Hannawa Road closed

A Walmart tractor trailer slid off the Back Hannawa Road and tipped to its side a half mile from Potsdam around 3:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. No one was reported hurt. Traffic was blocked until after 11 a.m. as two Route 11 Truck and Equipment trucks hooked up the truck and trailer to be towed. DEC Spill Response was on scene as a precaution for any diesel spills that could have occurred.

State awards to fund SLC infrastructure and revitalization

Potsdam, Canton and Colton are receiving major grants to assist with water projects through the New York State Regional Economic Development Council, according to Gov. Kathy Hochul.

Potsdam

The village of Potsdam will receive \$104,000 for its comprehensive plan with sustainability elements, its Complete Streets policy, and planning for bicycling and walking accommodations.

These certification actions will help guide the community's growth and development in the face of rapid changes due to ongoing economic and demographic shifts. The village recognizes the urgency of investing in resilience and sustainable development through application of "Smart Growth" principles.

Colton

The town of Colton will receive \$186,000 for its pedestrian infrastructure improvement plan, replacing 1,715 feet of sidewalk along state highway 56.

The new sidewalks will be five feet wide and will replace existing sidewalks that are in various states of disrepair and cannot be properly maintained due to uneven surfaces.

Creating a safe pedestrian corridor

along this route was identified as a need in a recent community-wide walkability survey.

Canton

The village of Canton will receive \$505,485 for enhancements to its Willow Island Park along the Grasse River. These funds will help implement the Canton Grasse River Waterfront Revitalization Plan and the Canton Trails Plan by expanding recreational amenities, increasing resiliency, and improving accessibility for visitors.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF LAND DISPUTE

Any Person having any interest whatsoever or information pertaining to this matter shall have thirty (30) business days from the date of publication of this Notice to file opposing or related claims or to provide relevant information to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Courts located at 850 State Route 37, Akwesasne, New York 13655. Information and related claims should be filed no later than March 3, 2025.

Claimant: Jason White
107 Frogtown Road
Hogansburg, NY 13655

Patricia White
153 St. Regis Road
Hogansburg, NY 13655

Respondent: Estate of Dawn Loran

Property in Dispute: Lot 54 located on or about Frogtown Road, Hogansburg, New York.

Case Number: 25-LND-00001

Nature of Dispute: Claimants are seeking ownership of the disputed property based on allegations that the property at issue was conveyed without the permission of the rightful heirs.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency is soliciting proposals from qualified professionals to design and execute an inventory of workforce needs for a provided list of companies, the training resources available to fulfill those needs in St. Lawrence County, and to identify the gaps to better build and initiate talent training program pipelines.

The Contractor is expected to design and execute an outreach strategy that will provide results to help ensure St. Lawrence County residents have access to the training programs, equipment and wrap-around services necessary to meet current and prospective career opportunities in the County, with a focus on advanced and clean manufacturing.

WRITTEN REQUESTS ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS. EMAIL YOUR REQUEST TO: isibley@slcida.com

Proposals will be received until **3:00 pm, local time, Friday, February 14, 2025** by Lori Sibley, Workforce Development Specialist, St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency, 19 Commerce Lane - Suite 1, Canton, New York 13617, or via email isibley@slcida.com. Proposals received after this deadline will not be accepted. All proposal submissions must be clearly marked on the envelope, or in the email subject line, with "**RFP: 25-Training-Gap-Analysis-01**".

The final work product of this gap analysis must be received prior to March 28, 2025.

The St. Lawrence County IDA reserves the right to reject all proposals and waive informalities if, in its opinion, such action is in the best interest of the Agency.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Valerie M. Francis has requested letters of Administration on the Estate of Jade Johnathan Moses Benedict of Akwesasne, NY.

Notice is hereby given to all potential creditors to said estate who may have an interest in said estate to present their interest to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court by February 7, 2025.

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

The Lisbon Central School District will hold a Regular Board of Education Meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. Original date was 2/20/25, but it has been changed to 2/27/25

MASSENA NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Qualification of RI RE Massena LLC. Certificate of Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/03/2024 Office location: St. Lawrence County. Limited Liability Company (LLC) formed on 10/10/2024. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to RI RE Massena LLC: Parking lot, 500 Cummings Center suite 6050, Beverly, MA 01915, USA Articles of Organization originally filed with Secretary of State (SOS). Parking lot, 500 Cummings Center suite 6050, Beverly, MA 01915, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

BRASHER LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Brasher Planning Board will hold a regular meeting at the Municipal Building in Brasher Falls, NY on Wednesday February 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. DATED: February 4, 2025, Julia Rose, Chairperson Brasher Town Planning Board

NORFOLK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that the Town of Norfolk will hold a Public Hearing on the 13th day of February, 2025 at 5:45 PM in the Norfolk Town Hall, 5 West Main Street, Norfolk, New York for the purpose of considering a changing the amount of authorized alternative veteran's exemptions pursuant to Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax of the State of New York.

A copy of the proposed local law is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours and at the Town's website. NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Jill M Molnar - Town Clerk, Town of Norfolk

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Notice of Formation of J SPELLICY ENTERPRISES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/14/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Parkhurst Properties LLC: 6510 NY - Highway 56 Potsdam, NY 13676 . Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of Phippen's Investors LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/03/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Phippen's Investors LLC: Massena NY. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

HEUVELTON NOTICE OF MEETING

The Village Trustees will hold a special meeting February 12th at 4pm at the Town Hall 51 State Street, to discuss the sewer project. The regular monthly meeting will follow.

COLTON NOTICE OF MEETING

The Town of Colton's Planning Board will hold a meeting February 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall, 94 Main Street, Colton NY. The board will continue work on a comprehensive plan and the formulation of a nuisance light law.

NORFOLK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that the Town of Norfolk will hold a Public Hearing on the 13th day of February, 2025 at 5:45 PM in the Norfolk Town Hall, 5 West Main Street, Norfolk, New York to consider a local law to provide a Partial Exemption from Taxation to Persons Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age or Older Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York. A copy of the proposed local law is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours and on the Town's website.

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MASSENA NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Discover Core Wellness Massage Therapy PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/2024. Office location: Franklin County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Megan Fowler: 7 Finney Blvd Malone NY 12953. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF LAND DISPUTE

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

Information and related claims should be filed no later than February 14, 2025.

Claimant: Catherine Joyce Leaf

303 Helena Road

Akwesasne, NY. 13655

Respondent Todd L. Papineau

313 Helena Road

Akwesasne, NY. 13655

Property in Dispute: Lot 212

Case Number: 24-LND-00004

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

NORFOLK NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Norfolk, New York Planning Board will hold a meeting on Friday, February 21, 2025 at 06:15 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall to review a Special Use Permit Application for the property located at 2155 CR 38, Norfolk, NY.

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

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

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

Potsdam Property Rentals 1, LLC was formed on January 23, 2025. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 5566 State Highway 56, Potsdam, NY 13676. Potsdam Property Rentals 1, LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

NORFOLK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Norfolk will hold a Public Hearing on the 13th day of February, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the Norfolk Town Hall, 5 West Main Street, Norfolk, New York to consider a local law to enact a Moratorium on all energy storage system development operating within the Town. A copy of the proposed local law is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours and on the Town's website.

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ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
BIRDDOG PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS LLC. Filed with SSNY on 01/07/2025. Office: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 25 FAIRLANE DR, CANTON, NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
Legal notice
Notice is hereby given to all potential creditors who may have an interest in the estate of Allen P. Mitchell. All creditors must represent their interest to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court by February 18, 2025. Any creditors shall contact Saint Regis Tribal Court at 18-358-6300.

NORWOOD PUBLIC NOTICE
A Regular Meeting of the Norwood Village Board will be held on Tuesday, February 18 at 6 PM at the Municipal Building in Norwood, NY. All meetings are open to the public, everyone is welcome to attend.

Keep INFORMED!
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LEGAL NOTICES

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Potsdam Property Rentals 3, LLC was formed on January 23, 2025. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 5566 State Highway 56, Potsdam, NY 13676. Potsdam Property Rentals 3, LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Potsdam Property Rentals 2, LLC was formed on January 23, 2025. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 5566 State Highway 56, Potsdam, NY 13676. Potsdam Property Rentals 2, LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
North Country Property Rentals 2, LLC was formed on January 23, 2025. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 5566 State Highway 56, Potsdam, NY 13676. North Country Property Rentals 2, LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

NORWOOD NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of SageTech Enterprises LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/07/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Ryan Daniels: 333 Lakeshore Drive STE 1 Norwood, NY 13668. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

MASSENA ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID NOTICE TO BIDDERS – ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Massena will accept sealed bids for:

Center Street Culvert Replacement over a tributary to the Grasse River Village of Massena, St. Lawrence County, New York PIN 7754.15, D040466

The work includes providing all labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and other means of construction necessary and incidental to the completion of the work shown on the plans and described in these specifications including, but not necessarily limited to the following: Culvert Replacement

This is not a Federal Aid Project, however NYSDOT Standard Specifications, officially finalized and adopted on January 1, 2025, as posted on the New York State Department of Transportation's website must be followed by the successful bidder.

The MBE goal for this project is: 9%
The WBE goal for this project is: 13%
The SDVOB goal for this project is: 6%
There are no DBE goals for this project.
The EEO Employment goals for this project are: 2.5% Minority Employment Goal
6.9% Women Employment Goal

The use of the NYSDOT approved civil rights reporting software, Equitable Business Opportunities (EBO), is required. Access authorization to EBO can be found at <https://ebo.dot.ny.gov/>.

No residential or geographical restrictions will be in effect for this project. Applicable Federal requirements take precedence over State and local requirements unless state and local requirements are deemed to be more stringent.

Contract Documents, including Invitation to Bidders, Instructions to Bidders, Wage Rates, Bid Documents, Agreement, Special Notes, Specifications, Contract Drawings, and any Addenda, may be examined, at no expense, at the following locations: Office of the Engineer: 80 Wolf Road, Suite 600, Albany, NY 12205 between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Office of the Owner: 60 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Contract Documents may be obtained by emailing the Engineer, Sheri Kern, at skern@gpinet.com

No questions or inquiries regarding this bid will be accepted within five (5) business days prior to the bid opening.

Contractors that obtain Contract Documents from a source other than the issuing office must notify the issuing office in order to be placed on the official Plan Holder List, to receive Addenda and any other Bid correspondence. Bids received from Contractors other than those on the official Plan Holders List will not be accepted.

Addenda will be emailed from GPI to Bidders listed on the official Plan Holders List. An emailed response from the Bidder to the Addendum sent by GPI will act as proof that the Bidder received the Addendum. In addition to an emailed response, Bidders must acknowledge receipt of all Addenda by signing and dating each Addendum on page 1 of the Bid Form. Failure of any Bidder to receive any such Addendum or interpretation shall not relieve such Bidder from any obligation under this Bid submittal. All Addenda so issued shall become part of the Contract Documents.

Questions regarding the Contract Documents should be directed to Sheri Kern through email at: skern@gpinet.com. Bidders shall promptly notify Sheri Kern of any errors, omissions, conflicts or ambiguity within the Contract Documents within 14 days of bid opening.

All bids must include the completed Bid Form, Non-Collusive Bidding and Disbarment Certifications, and Lobbying Certifications. This is a unit price bid as described in the Instructions to Bidders. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each bid must be accompanied by security in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bids to be considered must be received in a sealed envelope at **60 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662** by **1:00 PM**, local time, on **February 12, 2025**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the above noted time will not be accepted. All sealed envelopes should be clearly labeled "**BID: CENTER STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT**". A link to view the bid opening will be available on the Village of Massena website prior to the bid opening.

The Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds guaranteeing performance of work and prompt payment from an acceptable Surety Company for an amount not less than 100% of the accepted bid. The successful Bidder and all subcontractors must have an approved CCA-2 on file with NYSDOT prior to being awarded a contract. If the successful Bidder does not currently have a CCA-2 on file with NYSDOT, the Bidder may find the CCA-2 forms and instruction for completion online at <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/state-vendors/vendrep/vendor-responsibility-forms?redirect=legacy#Construction>.

The successful Bidder will be required to comply with all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 2, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804). Successful bidders will be required to pay prevailing wage rates on this contract.

The Village of Massena reserves the right to consider the bids for forty-five (45) days after receipt before awarding any Contract, and to waive any minor informalities in, and to reject, any and all bids. All bids are subject to final review and approval by the Village of Massena before any award of contract may be made. Receipt of bids by the Village of Massena shall not be construed as authority to bind the Village.

The work will be substantially completed on or before **November 14, 2025** and ready for final payment on or before **December 19, 2025**.

The New York State Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 200d to 200d-4 and Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation and Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Title VI Program and Related Statutes, as amended, issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all who respond to the related solicitation, request for proposal or invitation to bid that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability/handicap and income status in consideration for an award.

Owners Contact
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60 Main Street
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315.769.6823
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Engineer's Contact
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Structural Engineer, GPI
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skern@gpinet.com

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Gouverneur Savings and Loan Association, Esq., Plaintiff, vs. Philip E. Vogel and State of New York Civil Recoveries Bureau, Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on the 7th day of January, 2025, I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the old main entrance lobby, adjacent to the Board of Legislature room, of the St. Lawrence County Courthouse, 48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617, County of St. Lawrence and State of New York on February 18, 2025 at 9:30 AM premises described as follows: All that tract or parcel of land situate in the Town of Brasher, County of St. Lawrence and State of New York bounded and described in the deed from William T. Lint and Melissa L. Lint to Philip E. Vogel, by deed dated April 21, 2004 and recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office on May 10, 2004 at Instrument Number 2004-8442, Being known as 29 Depot Street, Helena, New York 13649; Tax Map #11.081-2-3.1.

In accordance with COVID-19 and in compliance with state and Federal law, all attendees at the scheduled foreclosure sale shall maintain proper social distancing requirements of six (6) feet and face masks shall be required for all persons in attendance.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Case & Leader LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff
107 East Main Street
Gouverneur, NY 13642
Dated: January 8, 2025

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Mathew P. Duprey, Esq., Referee

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
North Country Property Rentals 2, LLC was formed on January 23, 2025. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 5566 State Highway 56, Potsdam, NY 13676. North Country Property Rentals 2, LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

NORWOOD NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of SageTech Enterprises LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/07/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Ryan Daniels: 333 Lakeshore Drive STE 1 Norwood, NY 13668. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

Massena Savings and Loan, Mortgage Servicer: Massena Savings & Loan 255 Main Street, Massena New York 13662 (315) 764-0541 Plaintiff,

-against-

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

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

In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the above-entitled action on October 10, 2024, I, the undersigned, the referee in said Judgment named, will sell at public auction at the St. Lawrence County Courthouse, in the Old Main Entrance Lobby, in the Village of Canton, County of St. Lawrence and State of New York, on the 18th day of February, 2025 at 10:00 in the forenoon on that day, the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold and described therein as follows: 591 Brouse Road, Town of Norfolk, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York; Tax Map No.: 16.004-2-15. See attached Exhibit "A". Said premises to be sold subject to assessments and water rates; subject to existing leases and tenancies, if any; subject to zoning restrictions, covenants, easements, conditions, reservations and agreements of record, if any, as they may be enforceable; subject to any state of facts as may appear from an accurate up-to-date survey; subject to facts as to possession and occupancy and subject to whatever the physical conditions of the premises may be; subject to any violations of the zoning and other municipal ordinances and regulations, if any; subject to the right of redemption by the federal government, if any. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$123,724.84 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment.

Dated: January , 2025

THOMAS ADAMS, ESQ., Referee

Pease and Gustafson, LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
Office and P.O. Address
40 Main Street
Massena, NY 13662

EXHIBIT "A"

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

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

GOUVERNEUR SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE

-against-

Index No: EFCV-24-166412 IAS No.: 44-1-2024-0564

PHILIP E. VOGL AND STATE OF NEW YORK CIVIL RECOVERIES BUREAU, Defendants.

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COLTEN PUBLIC NOTICE
The Town of Colton will hold a special meeting on February 10th at 1:30 pm regarding the Park Forestry's land donation/transfer. Meeting will take place in the Colton Town Hall, 94 Main St., Colton, NY 13625. All are welcome to attend.

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

PIERCEFIELD NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of PB & Drive LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/24/2024.

Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to PB & Drive LLC: 6 Wood Avenue, Piercefield, NY 12973. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLTON NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that the Colton-Pierrepont Central School Board of Education will hold its regularly scheduled board meeting @ 5:30

p.m., February 12, 2025, in the library.

Jennifer Fleury
Board Clerk

WADDINGTON PUBLIC NOTICE

NORTH COUNTRY OPINION

FEBRUARY 7-13, 2025 | NORTH COUNTRY THIS WEEK

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

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The LOCAL Act: A win-win for Main Streets and local newsrooms

Small businesses are the heart-beat of our communities. They are the corner stores, family-owned restaurants, and local service providers that fuel our neighborhoods, create jobs, and drive economic growth.

Yet, these vital businesses often face significant challenges in reaching new customers and growing their operations in an increasingly competitive economy.

Editorial

With the official introduction in the state legislature of the Lift Our Communities, Advertise Locally (LOCAL) Act, small businesses across New York might gain a powerful new tool next year to help sustain their success and maximize the reach of their marketing dollars.

Sponsored by state Sen. Monica Martinez and Assemblymember Jen Lunsford, this legislation would establish a tax credit for small businesses that advertise in local media outlets – from print and digital to television and radio.

By making advertising more affordable, the LOCAL Act will empower small businesses to reach their target audiences while also supporting the essential work of the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Upset over injured police officers

The Republican Party has long waved the flag of "Tough on Crime," and bragged about their support of the police.

But for a bunch of people who were chanting "Blue Lives Matter" at rallies, Republicans sure didn't seem to care that candidate Trump promised to pardon the Jan 6 rioters who injured 140 police officers.

In fact, everyone who voted for Trump this time around voted for these promised pardons of hundreds of people whose crimes included beating and torturing police officers who were defending the Capitol on the day a Trump-inspired mob tried to disrupt government business in a seven-hour siege.

Trump, in pardoning them, described them as "hostages," Jan 6 as a day of "love and peace," and the offenses as minor. Watch the video

very same local media outlets that provide our communities with local journalism.

The LOCAL Act focuses on supporting business with 10 or fewer employees, as well as minority-, woman- and veteran-owned businesses.

This legislation couldn't come at a better time. Small businesses are still navigating the economic aftershocks of the pandemic, inflationary pressures, and competition from large corporations with massive marketing budgets.

The LOCAL Act helps level the playing field, giving your favorite mom-and-pop store a way to increase visibility without sacrificing their scarce financial resources.

When our small businesses thrive, so do our communities.

Small businesses employ your neighbors, sponsor your kid's little league team, and provide a convenient destination for a night out with your spouse.

Small businesses are not only economic drivers, but also cornerstones of community identity.

The benefits of the LOCAL Act extend beyond businesses.

Local media outlets, too, are vital to communities, because they produce the journalism that keeps people informed about village and town board meetings, neighborhood crime, local events and festivals –

The LOCAL Act helps level the playing field, giving your favorite mom-and-pop store a way to increase visibility without sacrificing their scarce financial resources.

and everything in between.

Unfortunately, declining advertising revenues have jeopardized the financial sustainability of many local media outlets, and small newsrooms have been shuttering across the state.

By encouraging small businesses to advertise in local media outlets, the LOCAL Act helps these outlets continue their essential work of championing their communities.

This dual benefit – supporting both small businesses and local journalism – has already garnered strong support from business groups, community leaders, and the 200+ local newspapers comprising the Empire State Local News Coalition – including *North Country This Week / NorthCountryNow.com*.

It's a win-win solution that strengthens the backbone of our local economy while fostering a unified, informed citizenry.

The LOCAL Act marks a bold step forward in tackling the inter-

connected challenges our communities are facing today. By working together to implement and embrace this program, we can build stronger businesses, sustain vital journalism, and ensure the prosperity of communities across New York for years to come.

We support this smart legislation. Tell your elected leaders in Albany to include the LOCAL Act in the final

FY26 state budget.

You can help

Contact these state representatives:

- Gov. Kathy Hochul: 1 (518) 474-8390
- Sen. Daniel G. Stec (R) – (518) 455-2811, stec@nysenate.gov, 198 State St., Albany, NY, 12247
- Sen. Mark Walczyk (R) – (518) 455-3438, walczyk@nysenate.gov, Legislative Office Building, Room 302, Albany, NY 12247
- Assemblyman Scott Gray (R) – (518) 455-5545, grays@nyassembly.gov, Legislative Office Building, Room 940, Albany, NY 12248
- Assemblyman Kenneth Blanckenship (R) – (518) 455-5797, blanckenship@nyassembly.gov, 198 State St., Albany, NY, 12248

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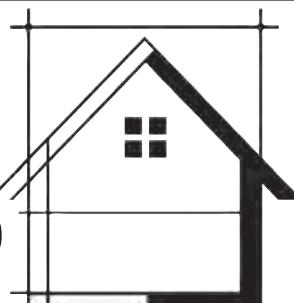
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Capitol police betrayed
By Trump pardon**

No one should pretend this isn't what they voted for when they voted for Trump.

On January 20, 2025, just hours after taking the oath of office to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States of America," President Trump issued a blanket pardon, commutation, and dismissal of 1,500+ people involved in the Jan. 6 Capitol Riot.

Included were convicts who violently attacked uniformed police; it's indisputable that these criminals brutalized and injured 140 officers. Indeed, many have confessed.

The coroner stated "all that transpired played a role" in Officer Brian Sicknick's stroke and death after being sprayed with a chemical irri-

tant in the riot.

Four other officers committed suicide days and months after the riot; family members spoke of how they were never the same after the riot.

Suicide isn't considered dying in

the line of duty; this affects compensation families receive today.

One example of what was pardoned: Officer Michael Fanone was assaulted by five rioters, dragged down the Capitol steps, beaten with pipes, stunned with a taser, sprayed

with chemical irritants, and threatened with his own gun.

Fanone suffered burns, a heart attack, a concussion, a traumatic brain injury, was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder as a result, and his mother was harassed with bricks and dog poop.

Instead of serving well-deserved lengthy sentences, Trump has set Fanone's attackers, who have pleaded guilty, free. Fanone has filed for orders of protection.

Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson justifies this with, "We believe in redemption."

No one should pretend they didn't know; Trump pledged to pardon them all.

President Trump also pardoned Silk Road creator, Ross Ulbricht. Silk Road was a website on the dark web where you could buy drugs, guns, or even advertise murder for hire services.

Ulbricht cleared \$18 million dollars in profits and at least six drug related deaths were traced to him. President Trump promised his release in exchange for the endorsement of the Libertarian party.

Many people say they voted for Trump because they like his policies.

Do you like the "policy" of letting convicted felons who attack law enforcement officers go free? Do you like the "policy" of letting drug

dealers and felons walk free?

Please don't pretend you didn't know; he told us his plans.

Support for Trump shows you only pretend to "Back the Blue" and "respect the rule of law." The Capitol Police have been betrayed.

**Mike Zagrobelny and
Ginger Storey-Welch,
Chair and Vice-Chair of the
St. Lawrence County Democratic
Committee**

**Trade moves ineffective,
drug war will continue**

Our current President has started a trade war with our biggest economic partners, allegedly to pressure those nations to stop the flow of fentanyl into the US.

Let's imagine for a minute that Donald Trump gives a s**t about the health and safety of drug users... Yeah, I don't buy it either.

He doesn't care about illegal drug abusers any more than he cares about diabetic insulin users, the unborn, your gun rights, or the welfare of his own supporters.

He cares about wealth, power, and fame, and nothing else.

He will always say whatever it takes to get elected, and he will always tread upon the rest of us to get to the top.

**Michael Greer
Potsdam**

NCNOW SURVEY**Large majority have faced challenges accessing mental health care**

Yes: 71%

No: 29%

Debbie Morgan | NCTW

Last week's question**Have you faced challenges in accessing mental health care?**

MENTAL HEALTH is a major issue, especially in rural areas, where access to services can be limited. Have you or someone you know faced challenges in accessing mental health care in St. Lawrence County?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: What types of industries or businesses would you like to see grow most in St. Lawrence County?

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Canton

(date unknown) **Canton Teachers**

Information on back of photograph:

Front bottom row from left to right: Jane Craig - Canton Mrs. Leslie Craig; Sybil Bailey Arnold, Brooklyn; Lelia Merriman Duncan, Dr. H. A. Duncan, Philadelphia PA; Bridget Mahoney Cunningham, Canton. **Second row from the bottom left to right:** Ida Bailey; Genevieve Lynch; Miss Stephonic?; Emma Tyner. **Third Row from bottom left to right:** Florence Myers Bradley, Massena; Ella Lenard Safford. **Top row left to right:** Harriet Ferry Appleton; Daisy Traver O'Neil; Knaps; L.E. Merrill; Alice Crystal Quinn.

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NORTH COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT

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Norfolk Concert Series to return this summer

The Norfolk Concert Series will again offer free, family friendly entertainment this summer, providing local musicians performance opportunities.

Performers will include Double Axel June 27, River Mohawk Band July 12, Lacey Rae July 25, Gypsy Road Band

Aug. 1, String Soulstice Aug. 9, Atkinson Family Band Aug. 24 and Knotty Paddy Aug. 30.

This exciting series is possible because of the work of the board of directors.

Please get to know them!



Meet the board of directors who make the Norfolk Concert Series possible



Christine Paige

Christine Paige lives in Norwood and taught elementary music and directed elementary choruses and directed concerts from 1974 to 1982.

She was a high school instrumental director from 1982 until 2010, teaching small group lessons, directing rehearsals and concerts, directing school musicals, organizing fund-raisers and working with parent booster groups.

Since 2010, she has been a private piano instructor.

She is founder and president of the Norfolk Concert Series, responsible for raising money to pay performers, researching and hiring local bands, writing grant applications, funding construction of a band shell and introducing new and varied styles of music to the rural community.

She was director of the North Country Community Chorus from 2015 to 2020, preparing adult and children's chorus for the annual Christmas Cantata in a local parish. She has been youth choir director for the United Church of Christ in Massena since September 2023.

A Norwood-Norfolk Central School alumna, she graduated from the Crane School of Music in 1974.



Jane Boyea

Jane Boyea lives in Moira and was a high school teacher for 36 years, retiring from Malone Central School in 2004.

She is active in her church as a lector and Eucharistic minister, and since 2013, as a lay minister. In connection with her church, she has served on the financial council, visits homebound people and helped redesign the parish center's kitchen to improve efficiency and meet state health regulations.

She served on the Brushton-Moira Board of Education for 14 years, on the North Franklin Federal Credit Union Board of Directors for 14 years, and on the Cornell Cooperative Extension Board for six years.

Boyea has been a member of Altruian, a historic organization that promotes study of educational and cultural topics, since 2001, and served as co-president in 2019-2020.

She possesses teaching, organizational and fund-raising skills.

She graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh with a bachelor's degree in home economics.



Rev. Judith VanKennen

Rev. Judith VanKennen lives in Massena and has been pastor of the United CHurch of Christ of Massena for the past 20 years.

She is very active in the United Church of Christ New York Conference, and serves as moderator of the conference and chair of its board of directors.

VanKennen also volunteers with the Massena Adult Free Clinic, Massena Drug-Free Task Force and Fourth Coast Companions, which helps seniors age gracefully in their homes. She is a trained mediator by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Institute and serves as Massena Volunteer Fire Department chaplain. She was named St. Lawrence County Woman of the Year in 2009.

She earned a bachelor of arts in religious studies from St. Lawrence University in Canton, graduating Magna Cum Laude, and a masters of divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmington, Kentucky. At SLU, she received the Outstanding Senior in Religious Studies award and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Theta Alpha Kappa.

She was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 2010.



Connie Terry

Connie Terry lives in Brushton and was a school nurse at Brushton-Moira Central School from 1982 to 2012.

She served as co-director of the annual senior play, as class advisor, as co-director of the music fund-raising committee, and as a member of the band booster club.

As school nurse, she was responsible for medical screenings, infection control, emergency care, hearing screenings and patient health information access. She served as liaison between families, school personnel and other health care providers on behalf of students, and developed care plans and made referrals as needed for students with health concerns or injuries. Previously, she was a registered nurse at the St. Regis Falls Medical Center and the hospital in Saranac Lake.

She and her husband spend summers on Norwood Lake and she's a member of the Norwood Lake Association who volunteers her time and expertise as an RN each summer for their fund raising events. She graduated from SUNY Canton in 1974 with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Registered Nursing.



Jennifer Myers

Jennifer Myers lives in Hannawa Falls and served as Director for School Improvement-Supervisor of Instructional Technology with St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES from 2000-2021.

In that role, she organized professional development opportunities for 2,000 teachers and 100 administrators. She also secured and coordinated \$23.5 million in grant funding and managed annual budgets totalling over \$6.7 million.

She is certified to teach music in grades K-12, mathematics in grades 7-12, kindergarten through grade 6 and nursery, as well as a school administrator and supervisor.

She was a Section X sports official and has volunteered as a member of the executive board of the Potsdam Community Band. She also wrote an after-school grant for Morristown Central and the United Way.

She was an adjunct faculty member at Sage Graduate School and Jefferson Community College. She received a doctorate in education in instruction technology and distance education from NOVA Southwestern University, and a master of science and bachelor of arts in education from SUNY New Paltz, where she minored in music.



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BOYDEN..

Brooks offers vehicle rentals, oil changes, New York State inspections, tire services, wheel alignments, and air conditioning work.

Business has been so good that the expansion project was a must.

"We were bursting at the seams with work and employees," she stated.

The new building will create

more room for techs with some moving to the new shop for their bays and work space.

A second paint booth will be set up in the old shop and another wash bay is part of the expansion.

More space will be available for the parts room and training area.

"We had a room that was too small and had many storage buildings for this," Pam said.

There will be more room for rollbacks to work on and service them.

Boyden Brook has purchased an Adas system so they will not have to tow many vehicles to be programmed.

"With cameras, lane departure and all the computers in cars now, this will save the customer, us and insurance companies time and money because we can do most of it here now," she explained.

The Roses and Boyden Brook are no strangers to community involvement. Jim and Pam have been involved in Kiwanis, St. Lawrence County snowmobile clubs, alumni associations, and coaching Pee Wee sports.

"We have always supported a big variety of mostly local things," stated Pam, pointing to Chamber of Commerce events, school programs, sports teams, fundraisers for people in need, senior groups, local fire department, churches and Hospice.

People interested in what Boyden Brook Body Works has to offer, give them a call at (315) 379-9853 or find them on Facebook.

SPEED..**Village raises safety concerns**

Ashley said "it's a safety issue," citing concerns with traffic congestion from the growing number of businesses along the roadway, including 11 West restaurant and multiple St. Lawrence health campuses.

Ashley said that she and Dalton "wanted to make a connection"

with Haynes, who recently took the Region 7 Director job.

"He's a local guy, so that's good," Ashley said, noting that his knowledge of the area could help him make needed changes on Canton's roadways.

Because Canton's East Main Street is also U.S. 11, local officials do not have the final say in determining a speed limit there.

Mayor Michael Dalton reaffirmed that Haynes understands Canton's position of concern and is hopeful that he will assist with moving the speed change forward.

"We hope to continue the conversation," Ashley said, adding that she and Dalton are planning to meet with state traffic engineers to further address the issue.

Exiting the village of Canton and heading to Potsdam, the speed limit shifts from 40 mph to 55 mph just before the Parkway Express, 5994 Rt. 11, where numerous vehicles make the right turn into the convenience store, gas station and Tim Horton's eatery. Across the street is Poulin Grain 6005 Rt. 11, with vehicles, including tractor trailers, entering and exiting the business. In a few hundred yards, motorists encounter a curve under an overpass and just down the road is the entrance to the medical complex that involves a left-hand turn and a narrow area with guard rails for vehicles to pass on the right. Just down the road is the former Frazer computing building that now houses the St. Lawrence Health Regional Administrative Campus, 6196 Rt. 11, that generates a lot of in and out traffic. Next door is a new restaurant, 11 West, that adds to the traffic pattern.

DOT Region 7 is the largest in the state and encompasses roughly 8,400 square miles, including St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton, Jefferson, and Lewis counties.

tinguished her immediately."

The sentiment among the Search Committee and the Board of Trustees was unanimous—Dr. Michelle Larson is the ideal choice for this critical leadership role at this pivotal time in Clarkson's history.

Larson earned her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in physics from Montana State University and served in academic leadership for more than a decade, including as Vice Provost at Utah State University before leading the Adler Planetarium for the past 12 years. Her distinguished career includes helping NASA forge partnerships to engage the world with the universe and working to make new discoveries in science, technology, engineering and math understandable for society as a whole.

Additionally, Larson brings a wealth of business experience and depth of fiscal expertise as a long-serving CEO in Chicago's dynamic economic landscape.

"Clarkson University captured my head and my heart from the start. It's clearly a place where curiosity grows, ideas illuminate the path forward and collaboration drives success," Larson, an Alaskan native, said.

"As I came to know the Clarkson community, I was impressed by each person's palpable commitment to this University. Everywhere I looked, I saw a spark in people's eyes and the talent to ignite it. Clarkson is a bold yet humble community learning together and tackling the world's challenges. I am deeply honored and absolutely thrilled to accept the opportunity to lead Clarkson University."

Larson brings a blend of expertise and enthusiasm, and her arrival as President begins an exciting new chapter for Clarkson University, the release said.

She will begin her role on April 1, 2025, and her husband Shane Larson PhD, an accomplished Astrophysicist, will join the Coulter School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. "We are excited to get to know the people," Larson emphasized. "We come from rural roots, and we are so pleased to join the Clarkson and North Country communities. I am eager to work with faculty, staff, students and trustees to forge a bold new path forward for Clarkson."

PRESIDENT..**Clarkson has first woman president**

50 applicants, and Reyda said that "Dr. Larson's exceptional balance of academic excellence, bold business acumen and leadership grace dis-

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GENERAC

SLC legislator wants state law to address chronically absent students

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Legislator Jim Reagen is calling on the state legislature to reform laws to give school districts and Social Services more tools to combat chronic absenteeism.

Specifically he wants to see reforms made to the Persons in Need of Supervision program, which essentially serves as a probationary program for children and teens.

The resolution was recently approved by the board of legislators.

Legislation was signed in 2017 to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 18 to ensure young people who commit non-violent crimes can receive the treatment they need. The legislation also eliminated state funding for PINS placement and detention as of Jan. 1, 2020, but did not alter the ability of the family courts to order such placements, officials said.

The reforms have led to numerous complications for Social Services, family courts and limited intervention efforts, officials said.

Chronic absenteeism

"I had raised a question about the shocking number of children who are not attending school and the need to work with our school districts to put more of a focus on these families who are not fulfilling their primary responsibility, making sure their children are going to school," he said.

Reagen said prior to the reform legislation, Social Services would be made aware by districts when a child was chronically absent.

He said that would allow the district and Social Services to determine if a serious problem within a family was present, allowing the family to work with the district and Social Services to "ensure the child continues their schooling and does not fall further behind."

Reagen said children who never learn to read or establish a consistent routine of going to school are at an increased risk of ending up in various programs with law enforcement, substance abuse counseling and "a host of other problems."

"While Social Services agrees with us that they feel they're sort of hung up by state regulations, (state lawmakers) don't see the need to make attending school a major priority for schools," Reagen said.

Reagen said he asked County Attorney Steve Button to draft the resolution, saying he wanted to bring the issue to the attention of state representatives for whom "this might not be on their radar."

What are schools saying?

Legislator Margaret Haggard weighed in as well, asking Reagen if he had an opportunity to speak with local school administrators about the issues surrounding chronic absenteeism.

"From my experience there's a lot of emphasis placed on attendance, but I haven't been there in a while," she said.

Reagen said he has spoken with a number of local administrators, including his local superintendent regarding the issues and their concerns about the reform legislation.

BRIEFLY

GAR session

POTSDAM -- The Town of Potsdam property owners are invited to attend the informational session with representatives from the firm GAR regarding the town's tax assessment revaluation project on Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m., at the Town Hall 18 Elm St. For reservations, call 1 (866) 910-1776.

Those conversations also prompted discussions with Social Services.

"The commissioner (Joseph Seeber) said it's a serious problem because of Albany," Reagen said.

Reagen said he is hopeful that a

number of school superintendents will join the legislature in demanding changes to the law.

Stats needed

As for the figures related to chronic

absenteeism, Legislator Rick Perkins said he would like to see figures from the county's districts.

According to a report issued by the state Comptroller's Office, chronic absenteeism rates are higher in high-

need school districts, with high-need rural districts seeing an average absentee rate of 33% last year.

That marks a 10.1% increase from the 2018-2019, the last full academic year prior to the pandemic.

OBITUARIES

Marjorie A. Jebo Tichonuk

Formerly of Potsdam

FORMERLY OF POTSDAM - Marjorie A. Jebo Tichonuk, a resident of St. Albans, VT, and formerly of Potsdam, peacefully passed at her home on January 14, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Marjorie was born in 1926 in Schenectady, NY, the daughter of Hiram L. and Maizie P. Jebo.

When she was a young girl, Marjorie and her family moved back to Potsdam. She was a 1945 graduate of Potsdam Central School.

In addition to being a consummate homemaker and mother, Marjorie loved all things outdoors.

Her flower gardens were the envy of the neighborhood.

She had a deep interest and compassion for animals, exemplified by the flocks of birds that gathered at her feeders.

She loved camping with her family, hiking, long walks, traveling nationally and abroad, and skating and cross country skiing on Lake Champlain. She enjoyed most of these activities into her 90's.

Survivors include her sons Erick Tichonuk of Greenport, NY, Dana Jarrett (Barbara) of Milton, VT,

Donald Jarrett (Lesleigh) of Swanton, VT, her daughter, Diane Jarrett Snyder of Exeter, NH, as well as seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents, Marjorie was predeceased by her husband of 47 years, John M. Tichonuk, her brother

Richard H. Jebo, her son-in-law David F. Snyder and her first husband, Albert J. Jarrett.

A private interment service will be held next summer at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery where Marjorie will be laid to rest next to her husband, John.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Bayada Hospice, 354 Mountain View Drive, Suite 305, Colchester, VT 05546.

Marjorie Tichonuk



Gene Keith Aldous

Pierrepont

PIERREPONT - Gene Keith Aldous, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 2, 2025 at Champlain Valley Physician's Hospital, Plattsburgh with his wife of 55 years and his children at his side.

He leaves behind his wife, Judy and 4 children, Rodney, Marty, Terry, and Tammy. He also leaves many grand and great grandchildren and his siblings, Richard, Sally, and Cathy.

He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Everett.

Gene was born the youngest son of Kenneth and Mary (France) Aldous. He graduated from Canton Central School in 1967. On June 28, 1969, he was united in marriage to Judy Fountain at the Colton United Methodist Church.

Following graduation, Gene started driving truck. He was the last canned milk driver from the Colton-Pierrepont area to the two milk plants in Canton.

During that time, he operated his own small farm near Colton and sent his milk to the Russell Cheese Factory.

Gene spent 60 years driving

tandems and tractor trailers hauling everything from logs to pulp to cement blocks or sand and gravel

for various employers and loving every minute of it.

In his spare time, he enjoyed playing cards, camping, doing search-a-word books, or just visiting with neighbors over a cup of coffee.

At his request, there will be no calling hours. A graveside service with burial will be held in the spring at Brick Chapel Cemetery, Canton.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam where friends may share memories and offer condolences online at www.donaldsonseymour.com

Jan. 29. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norwood.

MILTON HART, 80, formerly of Pitcairn, Jan. 30. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

DOUG McNAMARA, 62, formerly of South Colton, Jan. 31.

ARNOLD STONE, 89, Potsdam, Jan. 31. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home, Canton.

MELISSA TUCKER, 62, Parishville, Feb. 1. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Colton.

OBITUARIES AND death notices are posted as soon as they are available at NorthCountryNow.com/obituaries

CAROL GRAHAM, 95, Norwood,

Brenda Jean Lowery-Murray, 75

Morristown

before becoming the first woman volunteer Fire Department Member. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting for friends and family.

Brenda was an avid reader and collector of Currier & Ives dishes and cookware.

Surviving family would like to thank the Stout Family for the years of friendship and care given not only to Brenda, but to the entire Lowery family, thanks also go out to Lynne Lockhart for the enormous kindness and support she has shown to the family.

We are respecting Brenda's wishes, as she did not want any services.

We all know her love for animals, if you choose, please donate to the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA in Brenda's name at stlawrencevalleyspca.org.

James "Jimmy" O. Mackey

Tully, NY

ey, and Michael Mackey, Aunts Melanie Allen and Arlene Murray, several nieces, nephews, cousins and extended families.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements for cremation are with the Garner Funeral Service.

Condolences for the Mackey family can be shared www.garnerfh.com.

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OBITUARIES**Richard "Dick" Paul Gilbert Sr., 86**

Howardville

HOWARDVILLE - Richard "Dick" Paul Gilbert, Sr., 86, of Howardville Road died January 27, 2025 at his home after a short battle with dementia.

A private family memorial will be held in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pierrepont Volunteer Fire Department or to Canton Fire Department.

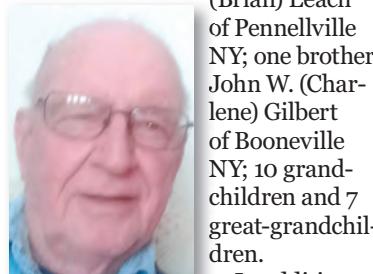
Born December 15, 1938 in Syracuse NY, he was a son of the late Percy Warner Gilbert and Virginia (Reese) Gilbert and graduated from Nottingham High School in Syracuse.

In August of 1959 he married Dorothy Anne McIntyre in Syracuse.

He enlisted in the Air Force National Guard in 1957 serving at Hancock Airfield and also in France for 9 months and was honorably discharged in 1962.

Dick was a Sales Representative and Supervisor for Wonder Bread in Syracuse and later in Potsdam NY.

In addition to his wife Dorothy of Pierrepont, he is survived by a son Richard Paul (Gabby Brown) Gilbert, Jr. of Bernards Bay



Richard Gilbert

In addition to his parents he was pre-deceased by a grandson Justin Gilbert.

Dick enjoyed precious time with family and friends at the family Camp at Seventh Lake, Inlet NY. He was an accomplished wood-worker and also very mechanically inclined, repairing small engines and appliances.

Lawrence Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Canton has been entrusted to Dick's care and arrangements. Tributes, photos and condolences may be shared with the family by visiting www.lawrencefuneralhome.org

Arthur George Meacham, 92

Brasher Falls

BRASHER FALLS - Arthur George Meacham, 92 of Brasher Falls, NY passed away on January 28, 2025, at Canton-Potsdam Hospital.

He was born on August 14, 1932, on the farm where he spent his entire life. He shares the names of his grandfather's Arthur J Meacham and George H Dishaw.

He was the third child for Burton and Helen Meacham preceded by his two sisters, now deceased, Jean (Raymond) Williams and Mable (John) Hanley. He is survived by brothers Clifford B. Meacham (Katie) of Gansevoort, NY and Bruce E. Meacham (Christine) of Milford, MA and many nieces and nephews; grand and great-grand.

Arthur graduated from St. Lawrence Central HS in 1950 where he starred in football, basketball and baseball and was later a member of the SLC Hall of Fame. He served briefly in the US Army in the late fifties. Like his Dad, he was a self-taught fiddler and was a member of the local chapter of NYS Old Tyme Fiddler's Association.

He was a dairy farmer working the land his parents left to him for



Arthur Meacham

over seventy years until his failing health no longer permitted him to continue. However, he was frequently up on his tractor doing odd jobs around the property and rode his mower to do his own lawn through this last season.

Thanks go out to Debbie and Cathy who have provided exceptional and devoted care for Art in his home for a decade. Kudos go to nephew Dale Williams (Medford, NY) for continued help and support over the years.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Tri-Town Rescue Squad, Brasher Falls, NY. Arrangements are entrusted to the Hammill Funeral Home in Winthrop, NY.

No services are planned at the present time.

Memories and condolences can be shared at www.hammillfh.com.

Patrice Elaine Patterson LeClerc, 77

Formerly of Canton

CANTON - Patrice Elaine Patterson LeClerc, daughter of the late Dr. Carl N. Patterson, Sr. and Ruth Dissinger Patterson, died unexpectedly Monday, January 20, 2025 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Patrice was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on February 5, 1947.

The family moved in 1948 to Durham, North Carolina where she attended Calvert School and Hope Valley Elementary School.

After graduating from Salem Academy, Patrice attended, and graduated in 1968 from, Duke University where she majored in Sociology in which field she subsequently received a Masters from Springfield College in Massachusetts and a Ph.D. from Duke University.

Patrice moved to Canada in the early 1970's and worked for the YMCA in Ottawa before moving to Halifax, Nova Scotia and Toronto.

Patrice returned to Durham in 1980 and married Richard LeClerc

in 1981. In 1995 Patrice moved to Canton, New York where she taught Sociology at St. Lawrence University until she retired in 2015. She returned to Ottawa for her retirement years.

Patrice's parents and husband predeceased her as did her brother Lee.

She is survived by her brother Carl (Janet), nephew Chip Patterson (Parker), all of Raleigh, North Carolina and niece Catherine Patterson (Chris Freelen), of Seattle, Washington.

She is also survived by her sister-in-law Elizabeth Patterson, and nephew Lee III (Lucy), all of Durham, North Carolina.

In addition, Patrice is survived by her great niece and great nephews, Lila and Davis of Durham, and Chase and Cameron of Raleigh.

In accordance with Patrice's wishes, there will be no service.

Services will be held at a later date in Colton, New York.

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Laura E. Barry, 85

Massena

MASSENA - Laura E. Barry, age 85, passed away on January 27, 2025, at North Country Nursing Center. Arrangements are under the care of the Phillips Memorial Home in Massena.

Per Laura's wishes, there will be no calling hours or funeral services.

A graveside service will be held in Calvary Cemetery, Massena, followed by a Celebration of Life at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Laura was born on February 13, 1939, in Massena to the late G. Carlson and Anna (Montgomery) Barry.

A 1957 Massena High School graduate, she was very active in band and the marching band, later went on to graduate from Watertown School of Commerce.

She retired after a long career at Metropolitan Life Insurance, as an office Manager in 1995 to care for her beloved father.

Many who read this will recall her activity with Hospice and organizing the Hospice Memory Tree.

Others will recall her as a lector at St. Mary's Church and as a lector and lay minister at North County Nursing Home.

She loved visiting the residents and sometimes read to them.

She was active in Back the Pack and worked weekly to help provide a community dinner for the recipients.

Laura also organized a prayer

Ty William Smith, 47

Ogdensburg

Ty enjoyed spending time on his boat, bowling, golfing, visiting the track in Saratoga, cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers and FSU, shooting the breeze with OGD Bowl regulars, and spending time with his family.

Ty was born on November 4, 1977, in Ogdensburg, NY to Ty & Chris Smith. Ty was the youngest and most easy going of the Smith kids.

He graduated from Ogdensburg Free Academy, where he continued his education to receive a bachelors degree from SUNY Potsdam.

In his youth Ty was a stronger athlete than a scholar, he was known around the neighborhood running around with his siblings playing street hockey and making memories with the kids around the block.

Ty was co-owner of the Ogdensburg Bowl, where his personality and quick-wit always made others smile and laugh.

He was most youthful in the presence of his grandchildren, lovingly named "Papa".

Fun, silly and always energized to show them new things, never without candy in tow!

Doug was an alumni of SUNY Canton with a degree in Electrical

Engineering. Beyond his technical background, Doug was a talented craftsman that enjoyed building and fixing things which showed itself in many family home improvement projects.

A lifelong adventurer with his wife by his side, leaving behind a legacy of cherished family memories from camping, road trips and cruises across the globe.

He was a smart, talented and vivid storyteller that enjoyed recounting memories of his childhood, adventures with friends, worldly travels, culinary experiences, history factoids and family memories.

The proud author of the

McNamara Family Tree, showcasing the lineage of seven generations.

Together meant most to Doug, an encouraging connector on holidays, vacations, special occasions, and family gatherings with his home made noodle soup, scratch made gravy, or spaetzle.

A culinary connoisseur, Doug's passion for sweets and savory meals with family was essential.

From baking, grilling or making beef jerky for a road trip, Doug was a talented chef that equally enjoyed a steak dinner or seafood buffet.

Through the years, Doug enjoyed fish aquariums, pier fishing, casinos, puzzles, scrabble, poker, watching movies-comedy and action, history documentaries, and an avid gold collector.

He was especially fond of cruising in fast brightly colored cars while classic rock music played on the radio.

Beyond all of these special things, Doug was deeply loved and will be dearly missed by family for his humorous and outgoing personality, tenacious spirit, strong confidence and his velvety resonant voice.

Services will be held at a later date in Colton, New York.

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Tri-Town to host Winter Carnival

TRI-TOWN — Snow sculptures, live music, a parade, Poker Run, tournaments, skating and fireworks are among the events at the 2025 Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce Winter Carnival.

"Celebrate the Magic of Tri-Town, with a Disney-inspired carnival theme, will be held Feb. 13-16 in Brasher Falls, Winthrop and North Lawrence.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Snowman/sculpture contest 4 p.m. deadline, Hammill Funeral Home, Tri-Town Arena; Spin with Ashley 4-5 p.m., 1100 Pickle Street., Winthrop; Announcement of Royalty Costume Party, cocktails, finger foods, DJ-Karoke 6-10 p.m., The Jug, North Lawrence; DJ 10-midnight p.m., The Jug, North Lawrence

Friday, Feb. 14

Opening Ceremony, semi-formal attire, tickets \$25, dinner by Gideon's Gallery, dinner music, then Spoiler Rock Band 6-11 p.m., Pike's Place, Brasher Falls; Band - Andy Deon, 9 p.m.-midnight, The Jug, North Lawrence.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Mimosas 7-11 a.m.; The Pit Stop Diner, North Lawrence; Kegs and Eggs, 8-11 a.m., The B&W Bar, Brasher Falls; Senior All Night Party breakfast, 8-11 a.m.; Brasher Winthrop Fire Dept, Brasher Falls; Snow Baby Contest 9-10:30 a.m., Lavish in Brasher, Brasher Falls; Longest Icicle Contest, 9-10:30 a.m., Lavish in Brasher, Brasher Falls; Temporary Kid Tattoos, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Titz 4 Tatz 2nd floor, Brasher Falls; Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Middle School cafeteria, Brasher Falls; Grab & Go mouse ears craft, may pick up, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Badenhausen Library, Brasher Falls; Book Sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Badenhausen Library, Brasher Falls; I Spy all week Feb. 10-15, 3 p.m. Saturday deadline, Badenhausen Library, Brasher Falls; Parade 11 a.m., starts at SLC School, ends at ABCD Hardware, Winthrop; Bippiti event \$, noon-3 p.m., Lavish in Brasher, Brasher Falls; Shuffleboard tournament noon registration, 2 p.m. start, American Legion Post #514, Winthrop.

Also, Snowmobile Poker Run noon-6 p.m. Hand Poker, Ends



Photo submitted

Celebrate the Magic of Tri-Town, with a Disney-inspired carnival theme, will be held by the Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce Winter Carnival on Feb. 13-16.

at The Jug, North Lawrence, 5 stops minimum for hand: Kids Zone 12-3 p.m., SLC Elementary School, Brasher Falls: Bounce houses, Face painting fairy tale theme 12-2 p.m.; Disney crafts & activities, 12-3 p.m., Movement & Music MET Entertainment 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Health & Fitness with coach Aimee Aslanian 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Kiddie Zone 3 years & under 12 p.m.-3 p.m. Sheriff's Finger Printing safety cards 12-3 p.m.; Family swims in pool 1-2 p.m.;

SEE TRI-TOWN ON 16.

Cinema 10 film series underway at the Roxy

POTSDAM — Cinema 10 has begun its Spring 2025 season. The series kicked off with a screening of *Anora* earlier this week and will continue on Monday, Feb. 10 with a showing of *Nickel Boys*, a 2024 US film directed by RaMell Ross.

Films are shown on Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the Roxy Theater in Potsdam.

Tickets are \$6.50 general/\$55 season or \$5.50 student/senior/\$45 season (season tickets are sharable).

For more information visit <https://www.cinema10.org>.

The following films will be shown this season:

- Feb. 10 -- *Nickel Boys* (United States, 2024, d. RaMell Ross) 140 m R

Shot from a first-person perspective, *Nickel Boys* follows the bond between two boys sent to a notorious reform school in 1960s Florida, known for its brutal treatment of students. Based on Colson Whitehead's novel, this marks documentarian RaMell Ross's narrative feature debut. (Themes of racism, strong language, violent content, smoking)

- Feb. 17 -- *All We Imagine as Light*

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

Set in Mumbai, *All We Imagine as Light* follows two nurses navigating romantic and friendship challenges. Winner of the Grand Prix at the 2024 Cannes Film Festival, it's been praised for its portrayal of female friendship. (Sexual scenes, thematic elements)

- Feb. 24 -- *Sing Sing* (United States, 2023, d. Greg Kvedar) 107 m R

Falsely imprisoned, a man finds freedom by helping inmates stage a play in Sing Sing prison, based on a real theater program. This A24 film features former inmates who participated in the program. Coleman Domingo earned a 2025 Best Actor nomination for his role as the protagonist. (Language throughout)

- March 3 -- *Seed of the Sacred Fig* / Dâne-ye anjir-e ma'abed (Germany/France/Iran, 2024, d. Mohammad Rasoulof) 160 m PG-13

In politically tense Tehran, devout lawyer Iman rises to the high court, where discovering corruption triggers his growing paranoia, straining his family. Directed by Mohammad Rasoulof, who

has faced multiple arrests in Iran for censorship violations, the film explores how oppressive regimes affect personal relationships. (Violence, bloody images, thematic elements, language, smoking)

- March 17 -- *Sugarcane* (Canada/United States, 2024, d. Emily Kassie, Julian Brave NoiseCat) 107 m R. This investigative documentary examines the Canadian Indian Residential school system, its history of abuse, and the survivors grappling with its aftermath. A call for accountability, it has earned numerous award nominations, with directors honored at the 2024 Sundance Film Festival. (Thematic elements, language)

- March 24 -- *Love Lies Bleeding* (United Kingdom/United States, 2024, d. Rose Glass) 104 m R

Kristen Stewart stars in this dark, sexy queer thriller as a gym manager who falls for a woman aspiring to be a body-building champion. As Stewart's troubled past resurfaces, it threatens their romance. (Strong violence, grisly images, sexual content, nudity, language, drug use)

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WHAT'S GOING ON

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

Blood drive

NORWOOD -- An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Village of Norwood, 15 South Main Street. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Punk show

POTSDAM - SLC Arts Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St., will host a Feb. 7 punk show starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Featuring Worm Circus, 4thandgoal315 and Defacerdefacer.

Ag movie screening

CANTON -- Canton United Methodist Church, 41 Court St., will screen *The Need To Grow* on Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. The film is a story of how three individuals, a school girl, a community farmer and a tech entrepreneur all helped fulfil their dreams of helping Mother Earth become a healthier and happier place. Followed by a discussion with light refreshments. Free.

KC Karaoke

HEUVELTON - KC Karaoke will be held at Heuvelton Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 6-9 p.m. No cover charge. Queen of Hearts drawing at 7 p.m. .

Shawn Stoddard

MASSENA -- Singer-songwriter Shawn Stoddard will perform Friday, Feb. 7, at the Massena Moose Lodge, 4 Ames St., from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

Cardboard sled races

CANTON - Nature Up North is excited to announce the 7th Annual Winterfest Cardboard Sled Races on Feb. 8 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the SUNY Canton Sledding Hill. Teams or individuals are invited to enter on sleds they create themselves from cardboard. Each sled must carry one team member. Registration is from 10-10:30. At 10:30 will be the "parade of sleds" and sled judging, with the races beginning immediately thereafter. Sleds will be judged overall, for special categories, and by division for the fastest time. Approved materials: Cardboard, duct tape, recycled plastic bags, paint, and glue. To register ahead of race day visit <https://www.natureupnorth.org/form/7th-annual-cardboard-sled-race-r>. Or email info@natureupnorth.org with your team name, participant names and grades, and division. Rain/weather date of Feb. 11 and 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Any rescheduling will be announced the day before on social media and at natureupnorth.org. The first reschedule will be to the 9th, then the 22nd if poor weather persists. The SUNY Canton sledding hill is located on the southeast side of campus, between Kennedy Hall and the Footbridges. From downtown Canton, head west on Hwy 68 to SUNY Canton. Turn onto Cornell Drive, and take a right at the first Y toward the river. Turn left on Miller Drive and park in Lot 1. Look for signs to the nearby sledding hill.

Adult Bible study group

CANTON - The Good News Fellowship group will gather to read,

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Also, Frank's Wing Eating Contest noon registration with 1 p.m. start, Frank's Pizzeria, Brasher Falls; Piano recital-Creative Endeavors, 1 p.m. Methodist Church, Brasher Falls; Pony Rides \$5 and games 2-4 p.m. ESTC 9455 St. Hwy 11, Winthrop; Local Vendor Displays-Stop til you drop game, NLVFD food truck on site, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., ABCD Hardware, Winthrop; Adirondack BBQ Food Truck, 1 p.m.

Also, High Peaks Winery, Winthrop; Lacey Rae Stoddard Entertainment, 2 p.m., High Peaks Winery, Winthrop; Free Ice Skating 6-9 p.m., Helen Ice Rink; Charity Hockey Game BWVFD food donation 3:45 p.m. Tri-Town Arena, Winthrop; Outdoor Fire / S'mores, 4-6 p.m. High Peaks Winery, Winthrop; Spaghetti dinner \$, 4-7 p.m., American Legion Post 514, Winthrop; Corn Hole Tournament \$50 /team, Food truck G2 Brickhouse , DJ Wendy Crump, 12 p.m. reg, 1 p.m. start, Pike's Place, Brasher Falls; Paint and Sip with adult wine glasses, 6-8 p.m., Crasper Hall, Brasher Falls; Glow Trailer - Josh Barrett, 7-8:30 p.m., Tri-Town Arena, Brasher Falls; Fireworks, 8 p.m., Tri-Town Arena, Brasher Falls; Band - Playback, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., The Jug, North Lawrence.

Sunday, Feb. 16

Breakfast Buffet all you can eat , 8-11 a.m., The Pitstop Diner, North Lawrence;

Young Artists- Disney inspired canvas paint class, 8-10 a.m., Craps Hall, Brasher Falls;

Pageant \$, 1 p.m., SLC Elementary School cafe, Brasher Falls

North Lawrence & Lawrenceville VFD Diner, 1-4 p.m., North Lawrence & Lawrenceville VFD, Diner menu @NLFD Station, 1-4 p.m.

Tug-a-War, Sled Races and Dog Sled Races , 1-3 p.m., North Lawrence & Lawrenceville VFD

Band- Tim Gray, 2-6 p.m., The Jug, North Lawrence;

Pool Tournament, benefits Hospice, 2 p.m. reg, The Jug, North Lawrence;

Bingo Trivia - Summer Festival, 3-4:30 p.m. BWFD fire station, Brasher Falls;

Closing Ceremony - limited menu, 5-7 p.m., The Pit Stop Diner, North Lawrence.

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- March 31 -- Do Not Expect Too Much From the End of the World / Nu aştepta prea mult de la sfârşitul

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

Angela, a production assistant, films injured workers for safety videos at a multinational corporation, while also exploring a hyper-masculine digital identity on TikTok. Radu Jude's fiercely satirical film has earned praise for its wild, chaotic ride. (Language, sexual content, thematic elements)

- April 7 -- Flow / Straume (Latvia/Belgium/France, 2024, d. Gints Zilbalodis) 85 m PG

This dialogue-free, animated journey follows a cat who, after a flood destroys his home, finds unexpected friends. Created entirely in Blender, Flow has won over a dozen animation awards. (Peril, thematic elements)

- April 14 -- Nightbitch (United States, 2024, d. Marielle Heller) 99 m R

Starring Amy Adams and Scoot McNairy, Nightbitch follows a stay-at-home mom who, feeling isolated and resentful after giving up her artistic career, begins experiencing bizarre physical changes and believes she's turning into a dog. (Language, some sexuality).

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study and discuss the Bible for comprehension every Saturday at 30 Court St. 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.

Animal Jars class

POTSDAM - SLC Arts Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St., will host a Feb. 8 class on making animal jars with Shelby Weeks from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 cost. Perfect for housing whatever you like. All ages are welcome. Info: <https://slc-arts-council.myshopify.com/products/animal-jars-with-shelby-weeks> .

Art Trivia Night

POTSDAM - SLC Arts Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St., will host an History In Frame Art Trivia Night fundraiser on Feb 8 at 6 p.m. Cost to enter is \$60. Gather your friends and form a team (1-4 people) for a chance to showcase your knowledge of Visual History, Music History, Film History, Literary History, Theater history, and more. <https://slc-arts-council.myshopify.com/products/art-trivia-night> .

Boater safety class

NORWOOD - On Feb. 8 the Norwood Lake Association will host a boater's

safety course at the Norwood Municipal Building for NLA members. Class size is limited to 40, contact Steve Bartlett (315-262-6106) for more info and sign up. NYS law requires boat operators to possess a valid boaters certificate.

Colton church events

COLTON -- There are several reasons to stop by the Colton Community Church when you are in Colton on February 8th for the Town of Colton's Winterfest. We will have the traditional White Elephant sale with many "treasures" for sale. There will also be a bake sale and a lunch of homemade soups and sandwiches will be served. 315-212-2955 with questions.

Winter Trivia Night

CANTON -- St. Mary's Church in Canton is hosting a Winter Trivia Night on Saturday, Feb. 8. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and trivia starts at 6 p.m. Ages 21+. Teams of 4-6 players (single players welcome). \$20 per person includes 2 beverages (beer, wine, soda), 2 slices of pizza, popcorn, and an opportunity to win door prizes. Free childcare will be available. Visit cantoncatholics.com/trivia or call the parish office at (315)386-2543 to register your team.

Forest bathing walk

HERMON - Join ANFT certified guide, Sarah Pickard, at Lazy River Playground and Retreat Center, 456 Lazy River Road, for the Winter Wander Forest Bathing Walk on Feb. 8, from 1-3:30 p.m. Cost \$20. Register at lazyriverforesttherapy@gmail.com or call/text 860-488-1895.

Frozen Foote race

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

Jazz quintet at library

POTSDAM -- Join Swing State, a Crane School of Music jazz quintet, as they bring a mix of jazz standards and some funk to the Potsdam Public Library Reading Room. on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 2-3 p.m. Swing State musicians are Sara Ward -saxophone; , Rowan Parsaca - voice; Manny Tejeda - bass, Elliott Brock - piano; , and Aidan Sherwood - drums.

Little River Winterfest

CANTON -- Celebrate winter with fun for all ages at the Little River Commu-

nity School's Winterfest, happening on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. This free event at 227 County Route 25 offers a variety of activities to enjoy with your family, including live music, snow castles, and the chance to pet some miniature donkeys. Children can also have fun with colored snow, face painting, glitter tattoos, and creating friendship bracelets and heart-shaped pockets through sewing. For those looking to get a little creative, there will be indoor craft projects, as well as a few rounds of chess for anyone who loves a challenge.

After all the fun, warm up with hot cider and cookies, served throughout the afternoon. Whether the weather brings snow or sunshine, the Winterfest will go on. Little River Community School is located just five miles south of Canton at 1, on the Canton-Russell Road. For more information, call 315-379-9474 or visit www.littleriverschool.org.

Pancake breakfast

CANTON - The Canton United Methodist Church at 41 Court St. will have an all you can eat pancake breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, homemade donut balls, maple syrup, juice, and your choice of either coffee or tea.

Red Sandstone Trail hike

POTSDAM - The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) welcomes the public on Saturday, Feb. 8 to a hike of the Red Sandstone Trail. This is a beginner snowshoe hike along the Raquette River and around Sugar Island. If you don't have equipment, contact us in advance and we should be able to help you. Level 1: 2 miles with an option to extend to 3.5 miles. Meet behind Potsdam Library at 10am or 10:15 a.m. at northern trailhead. Contact Blair Madore, 315-261-0751 or madorebf@potsdam.edu. This is a joint event with Potsdam Public Library Outside (PPLO).

Shuffleboard tournament

CANTON - The Edward C. Seymour VFW Post 1231 is holding a shuffleboard tournament at the Post located at 32 Gouverneur St. on Feb. 8. People may sign up for the tourney by calling the Post at 315-386-8953. Participants should plan to be at the post at 11:00 am to draw for teams. The event begins at noon. Refreshments will be available. The Post will partner with the Zonta Club of Canton during the tournament. The Club will hold a silent auction of themed baskets and offer a raffle for a lottery tree. Proceeds from the auction and raffle help fund the four scholarships that the Club awards annually to graduating high school seniors in twelve St. Lawrence County school districts. For more information, contact the VFW Post at 315-386-8953 or Julie Miller at 315-323-4065. .

Snowshoe hike

POTSDAM -- Potsdam Public Library will organize a two-mile, beginner snowshoe hike Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m., along

the Raquette River and around Sugar Island. Equipment available if needed. Meet behind Potsdam Library at 10 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. at Northern Trailhead. Info: <https://potsdamlibrary.org/event/ppl-on-the-outside-sugar-island/> .

Swing State jazz concert

POTSDAM - Join Swing State, a Crane School of Music jazz quintet, at Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St., as they bring a mix of jazz standards and some funk to the PPL Reading Room on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. .

Tax Prep event

POTSDAM - Super Saturday is back at SeaComm's Potsdam Branch on Feb. 8 from 12:30-5 p.m. These free tax prep events provide the opportunity for low and moderate-income working individuals and families to have their income tax return prepared free of charge. Eligibility is generally limited to taxpayers with an income under \$70,000. Appointments for Super Saturday are required, as walk-ins will not be allowed. To make an appointment or for more information, call toll free 1-800-764-0566. Information is also available on the SeaComm website, www.seacomm.org and on the SeaComm Facebook page.

Twangtown Paramours

HEUVELTON -- Pickens Hall, 83 State St., will feature the Twangtown Paramours in concert on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. Nashville-based husband-and-wife duo Mike T. Lewis and MaryBeth Zamer, known on stage as The Twangtown Paramours, have made a name for themselves defying boundaries with their award-winning catalogue of Americana, Folk, and Blues anthems. With a slew of accolades for their first three full-length albums, they've earned a loyal following, balancing serious instrumental and vocal chops with witty stage banter and a lighthearted approach to life. Tickets cost \$15 and are available by calling the hall at 315-344-7950 or visiting www.pickenshall.com.

SUNDAY, FEB. 9**Book discussion**

CANTON -- The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton will host a discussion exploring the remarkable contributions of African Americans to St. Lawrence County illuminated in Bryan S. Thompson's inspiring book, African Americans of St. Lawrence County: North Country Pioneers, Sunday, Feb. 9, at noon. This discussion is open to all, whether you have read the book or not. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact office@uucantony.org, or (315) 386-2498. .

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

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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. Sponsored by Friends of Higley Flow State Park. More information and registration contact: Danielle Jerry at Nordicmasters@higleyfriends.org.

MONDAY, FEB. 10**Cinema 10 screening**

POTSDAM - Cinema 10 at the Roxy in Potsdam will screen Nickel Boys (United States, 2024, d. RaMell Ross), a 140-minute rated R film on Feb. 10 at 7:15 p.m. Uniquely shot through first-person perspective, Nickel Boys tracks the bond formed between two boys who are sent to a reform school that's infamous for its abusive treatment of its students in 1960s Florida. Based on the Colson Whitehead novel of the same name, it is the narrative feature film debut of documentarian RaMell Ross. Reviewing for Variety, David Canfield praised the film, saying "[its] avant-garde approach is cannily balanced by its moral urgency and aesthetic rigor. ...It all but reinvents the language for movies about a particular, dark historical chapter." (thematic material involving racism, strong language including racial slurs, violent content, smoking). General Admission: \$6.50 for individual and \$55 for season tickets (shareable). Students and Senior Citizens: \$5.50 for individual and \$45 for season tickets (shareable). For more information please visit <https://www.cinema10.org>. Follow Cinema 10 on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CinemaTen. Follow Cinema 10 on Instagram at @cinema10potsdam.

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.

Hilary Hawke concert

POTSDAM -- Hilary Hawke, the multi-talented musician known for her unique blend of instrumental and vocal skills, and Crane School of Music graduate, returns to Potsdam Public Library with guitarist Ross Martin on Monday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. The duo bring an evening of banjo, acoustic guitar, vocals and fun to The Main Reading room. \$10 suggested donation.

Tax info session

POTSDAM -- The Town of Potsdam property owners are invited to attend the informational session regarding the revaluation project on Feb. 10, at 5:30

p.m., at the Town Hall 18 Elm Street. For reservations, please call 1 (866) 910-1776.

TUESDAY, FEB. 11
Oil painting class

POTSDAM - SLC Arts Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St., will host a Feb. 11 oil painting class with Rita Goodwin from 6-8:30 p.m. \$55; all class materials provided. Participants will create an oil painting. Info: <https://slc-arts-council.myshopify.com/products/oil-painting-class-with-rita-goodwin>

Paramedic open house

POTSDAM - Clarkson University's Earl R. and Barbara D. Lewis School of Health & Life Sciences will host an open house for its Paramedic Program on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Clarkson Hall, 59 Main St. in Potsdam. Those who attend the open house, which begins at 6 p.m., will have the opportunity to meet with the program staff and tour Clarkson's Health Sciences facilities. The Paramedic Program is starting its next cohort on Aug. 18. This program aims to tackle the significant Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staffing shortages in the North Country and its surrounding rural areas with this intensive nine-month program. The Paramedic Program is a full-time educational opportunity with 20 students per cohort, ensuring students can immerse themselves in their studies and gain hands-on experience in simulated emergency scenarios. To be eligible for the Paramedic Program, applicants must be a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Clarkson also offers EMT classes through the Lewis School of Health Sciences. For more information on EMT courses, click here. For more information about Clarkson's Paramedic Program, click here. To fill out an application, please contact Doug Wildermuth at dwilderm@cckson.edu or 518-361-0218.

WEDS., FEB. 12
Dorothy Day Cafe

POTSDAM -- Dorothy Day Cafe: Please join us at St. Mary's of Potsdam on Wednesday, February 12 from 5:30 to 7 PM for our monthly dinner. This month, we will have a tasty meal, including main, side and dessert, as well as a special Valentine surprise. For more information, please email dorothydaycafe@gmail.com or call 315.265.9680. Please park out back and enter by the handicapped-accessible entrance.

Open mic night

POTSDAM - An open mic night will be hosted by SLC Arts Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St. on Feb. 12 and 26 from 6-8 p.m. All genres are welcome, so bring your talent and share with the community.

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Playwriting circle meets

POTSDAM - A playwriting circle will meet at SLC Arts Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St. on Feb. 12 and 27 from 6-8 p.m. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. Submitting your 45 pages of play 2 weeks prior to an upcoming meeting is essential. Do you have questions about this program or want to submit your work? Email rivka.eckert@gmail.com for more information and submission link.

Siena open house

CANTON - St. Catherine of Siena Academy, 2 Powers St., will host an open house on Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 5-7 p.m. Interested in knowing more about Siena Academy? Join the school for its first open house of the enrollment season. Doors open at 5 and guests can visit classrooms and chat with teachers and families until 7. Let them know you are coming by registering at <https://tinyurl.com/2r68u5w9>. Walk-ins will also be welcome.

State of the Rivers Talk

CANTON - St. Lawrence Land Trust's 10th annual State of the Rivers Talk. Dr. Brad Baldwin, Biology Dept., St. Lawrence University will discuss the invasive plant water chestnut in the Oswegatchie River Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Grasse River Heritage Room, Grasse River Heritage Room, 30 Court Street, Canton. E-mail: stlawlandtrust@stlawlandtrust.org for more information, or check out our Facebook or Instagram Page. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, FEB. 13
ADK club weekly walk

POTSDAM - The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) welcomes the public on Thurs., Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27 to its weekly walk on the Red Sandstone Access Roads, starting at 7:30 a.m. We 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 or 315-265-0756.

Aromatherapy for colds

POTSDAM - Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St., will host a class on aromatherapy for cold and flu season on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. Learn about different essential oils and aromatics that can help

keep germs at bay and support clear breathing during cold and flu season. Info: <https://potsdamlibrary.org/event/aromatherapy-for-cold-and-flu-season/>

Blood drive

CANTON -- An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at SUNY Canton Campus Center, 34 Cornell Dr. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Ham Radio meeting

POTSDAM -- The North Country Amateur Radio Club will hold their next meeting at 6 p.m. on Feb. 13 in the Potsdam Community Room, above the police station. Anyone interested in Ham Radio or pursuing their license is invited to attend.

Tri-Town Carnival begins

BRASHER -- Tri-Town Winter Carnival begins Thursday, Feb. 13: Snowman/sculpture contest 4 p.m. deadline, Hammill Funeral Home, Tri-Town Arena; Spin with Ashley 4-5 p.m., 1100 Pickle St., Winthrop; Costume Party, cocktails, finger foods, DJ-Karoke 6-10 p.m., The Jug, North Lawrence; DJ 10-midnight p.m., The Jug, North Lawrence. More info: www.facebook.com/TriTownChamberofCommerce/.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14**Food pantry distribution**

HOPKINTON -- Hopkinton Food Pantry is held 2nd Friday of each month inside the Hopkinton Town Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m. Anyone who is a resident of Hopkinton may attend. Contact Debbie Bagnate at 315-261-1653 or Irene Perry at 315-328-5987 with questions.

Tri-Town Carnival

BRASHER -- Tri-Town Winter Carnival opening ceremony Friday, Feb. 14: semi-formal attire, tickets \$25, dinner by Gideon's Gallery, dinner music, then Spoiler Rock Band 6-11 p.m., Pike's Place, Brasher Falls; Band - Andy Deon, 9 p.m.-midnight, The Jug, North Lawrence. More info: www.facebook.com/TriTownChamberofCommerce/.

Valentine's Day Salsa

CANTON - The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton, 3 1/2 E. Main St., will host a Valentine's Day Salsa dancing on the evening of Friday, Feb. 14, 6-7:30 p.m. Jeanna Matthews founder of the North Country Latin Dance community will lead dancers through the fundamentals of salsa including leading and following and a variety of dance moves such as shoulder check and hairbrush, and basic steps like cumbia, and a variety of turn patterns. Free, all welcome.

Valentine's dinner

CANTON -- Enjoy dinner and comedy featuring Moody McCarthy at Best Western University Inn Conference Center, 90 East Main St., on Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. Moody has performed on Jimmy Kimmel Live, Conan, and The Letterman Show. Dinner buffet starts at 6pm with opening act at 7:30 p.m. and headliner starting at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$85 per person or \$150 per couple. Tickets can be purchased at the Best Western University Inn's Front Desk or call (315) 386-8522 ext 2. Ticket sales are non-refundable. Info: www.StayStLawrence.com.

White Out Weekend

CLIFTON - The annual Adirondack White Out Weekend held in Star Lake, Wanakena, Oswegatchie and Cranberry Lake will be Feb. 14-16 with a variety of events scheduled. Admission is free to most events. The following events are planned Friday, Feb. 14. Ice Jam-Boree 9th Birthday Bash and Open Air Open Mic at Otto's Abode, 6 Hamele St., Wanakena, from 6-9 p.m.; Campfire & Snow Croquet & Hot Food in the Z-Park @ Otto's Abode starting at dusk, hot vegetable soup & pulled pork for sale; Luminary Woods Walk, 2nd Street, Wanakena, dusk-10 p.m. Walk the wooded trail from 2nd street through the woods to Ranger School Road. The way will be lit with ice luminaries; Labyrinth Fairy Village, South Shore Road, Wanakena, dusk-10 p.m.; Glow Skating at Clifton-Fine Arena, 4173B NYS 3, Star Lake, 6-8 p.m. Bring your own skates. www.adkwow.org for schedule.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15**Casale and Cru concert**

SANFORDVILLE - Mary Ann Casale and Tas Cru will perform a house concert at The Hermitage (Robin McClellan's home) on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. No cover charge, but a donation jar will be circulated (US and Canadian dollars, Euros, and Swiss Francs accepted) to support the musicians. To hear some of their music, visit their Facebook pages. Those attending will also have a chance to purchase the band's new album which came out last summer. It's available on CD, USB, and vinyl. For more information, visit <https://robinmcclenan.com/>, where you will find directions to the Hermitage. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is challenging in the winter.

Graffiti art class

POTSDAM - SLC Arts Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St., will host a graffiti art class with Alec Silluzio on Feb. 15 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10 cost. Learn the basics of graffiti art. All class materials will be provided. Info: <https://slc-arts-council.myshopify.com/products/graffiti-art-with-alec-silluzio>

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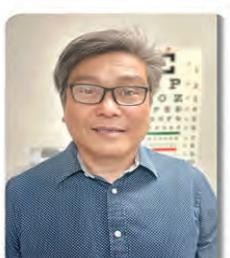
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Canton counselor using experience to aid recovery

CANTON — Heidi Czerepak, Master CASAC, is the focus of a recent Q&A series by St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment & Recovery Centers, a Malone-based organization offering crucial services in the North Country.

Czerepak, based in Canton, has been counselor with St. Joseph's since 2017 and now works at North Country Freedom Homes, an affiliate of the organization.

St. Lawrence County, where Czerepak serves, experienced 66 overdoses last year, according to the Public Health Department's Overdose Dashboard.

This highlights the critical need for services like those offered by Czerepak and St. Joseph's.

Czerepak's journey into addiction counseling is deeply personal. "While I was in my process of recovery, I came to realize I had a real passion for working with others," she shared. Originally from Potsdam, Czerepak has a bachelor's degree in English literature and a master's degree in public health, which she uses to approach her work with both professional expertise and personal experience.

Her first encounter with St. Joseph's was when she was invited to speak as a recovering person at the Saranac Lake inpatient treatment center.

"I walked into that big, beautiful Spirituality Center and just felt like I was supposed to be there," she recalled.

In 2020, Czerepak transitioned to North Country Freedom Homes, a long-term residential program for men in recovery. There, she helps individuals navigate the challenges

of staying healthy while facing real-world temptations.

"It's more about living—how do you stay healthy with real temptations as you gain privileges?" she explained. The program typically requires a six-month stay, giving counselors time to build strong, lasting relationships with residents.

Czerepak values the collaborative nature of the staff at North Country Freedom Homes. "We work really well together," she said. "There's both individual self-care and collective self-care. We offer person-centered, compassionate care to everyone." She credits Jennifer Elliott, the center's director, for her leadership and support in fostering an effective team environment.

One aspect of Czerepak's work that she appreciates is how residents at North Country Freedom Homes already have a fundamental understanding of addiction.

"They've learned about the disease of addiction and identifying triggers in inpatient care," she said. "When they get here, it's more about living—how do you maintain your recovery while facing real-world challenges?"

Maintaining a healthy work/life balance is key to Czerepak's own well-being. "Running is very important to me," she said. "It's therapeutic and cathartic." Staying connected with a strong support network in the recovery community is also crucial for her. "I know that all work and no play makes Heidi a not healthy Heidi," she added.

To learn more about St. Joseph's and North Country Freedom Homes, visit www.stjoestreatment.org.

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Pregnancy study

POTSDAM --- A new study is underway to improve people's experiences of pregnancy, birth, and postpartum in the North Country. Led by Dr. Lauren Diamond-Brown, a sociology professor at SUNY Potsdam, the study aims to gather data

on perinatal experiences to guide future changes. If you were pregnant and gave birth between 2018-2022 in St. Lawrence County or are a member of the Akwesasne Mohawk community who received perinatal care in the U.S., you're eligible to participate. The survey takes 30-45 minutes to complete. The first 175 participants will receive a \$15 Stewarts gift card. For more information, contact Dr. Diamond-Brown at diamondla@potsdam.edu or (315) 267-2554.

Childcare toolkit

A new program to assist employers who aim to help employees secure quality, affordable child care services has been launched in New York State. According to a release from the governor's office, the toolkit was developed by the Early Care & Learning Council using \$1 million in funding allocated by the Governor in last year's state budget. The toolkit will provide employers with a single source of up-to-date information on child care, aiming to connect working families with support resources so they do not have to make a decision between childcare and advancing careers. More than 800,000 children in NYS under age six have working parents, underscoring the importance of safe and nurturing child care for children's development and parents' ability to work, state officials said.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is serious business

POTSDAM – Emergency Medicine providers throughout Rochester Regional Health's St. Lawrence Region typically see an increase in patients presenting with carbon monoxide poisoning during the winter months.

They are hopeful that with increased awareness, they will see fewer of these patients in 2025.

Adults, children, and pets who are inside a home or establishment with a carbon monoxide (CO) leak are at risk of being poisoned.

Homes and businesses that utilize gas, oil, propane, wood, or coal burning appliances that are not regularly serviced properly could be at risk for a CO leak.

Along with furnaces, this also includes fireplaces, grills, and other appliances operated by CO-emitting fuels.

"It is important to ensure heaters and appliances are properly maintained and vented. Carbon monoxide poisoning will affect anyone, including pets, who are exposed in an affected space, and they need to get out into fresh air and seek medical care immediately," stated St. Lawrence Region Emergency Services Medical Director Justin MacKinnon, MD.

"These patients can be difficult to identify because the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are often non-specific, share overlap with flu-symptoms, and occur during traditional flu season," he added.

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Justin MacKinnon
St. Lawrence Medical Director

iting, and shortness of breath."

While individuals can recover from CO poisoning, the outcome depends on the amount of time and length of exposure for each person.

The onset of nervous system and brain-related symptoms can occur after recovery from CO poisoning, and the risk is higher in people who lost consciousness or are elderly.

Such symptoms may include memory loss, personality changes, and/or movement problems.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that every home have at least one CO alarm.

If you or someone you know has been exposed to carbon monoxide, call 911 or get them to the closest hospital as soon as possible.

Potsdam, Canton Urgent Care centers welcome new PA

Rochester Regional Health's St. Lawrence team welcomed PA Amanda Butler as its newest Urgent Care team member.

She is treating patients in the Potsdam Urgent Care, Helen Snell Cheel Medical Campus, 49 Lawrence Ave., Potsdam; and in the Canton Urgent Care, EJ Noble Building, 80 East Main Street, Canton.

She earned her Master's of Health Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies at Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pa.; and brings over 11 years of experience in the PA field to the St. Lawrence Region.

Butler is a native of Vermont, and after most recently living in Salem, Ore.; she and her family decided to move out of the city and return to the east coast.

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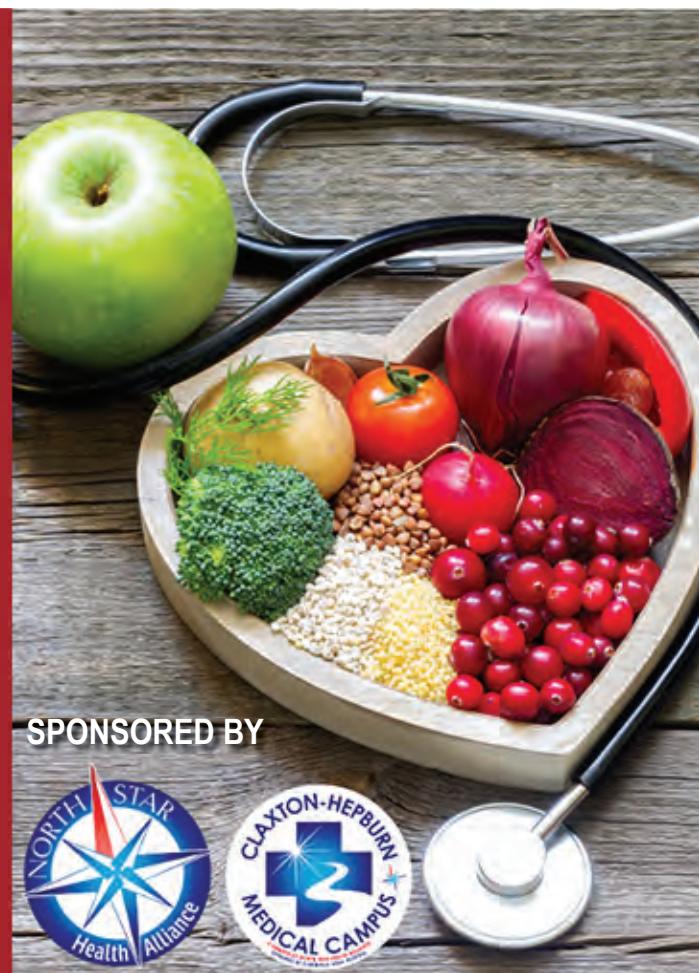
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Norfolk-Norwood Figure Skating Club members competing at the 2025 Empire State Winter Games in Lake Placid last weekend included, from left: front, Emalee Weaver, Megan Walker, Alicia Dillon, Reagan Hayes, and Violet Jones. In back, Trinity Osgood, Alyson Demers, Brielle Smith, Emmay Regan, Madeline Carter, Kaliegh Weaver, and not pictured, Samantha Milburn.

Norwood-Norfolk skaters medal at Empire games

NORFOLK — Twelve Norfolk-Norwood Figure Skating Club members competed at the 2025 Empire State Winter Games last weekend.

The annual competition with skaters from across New York State was held in Lake Placid Jan. 30 and Feb. 1.

Several of the skaters received medals for their performances. Gold medalists were Megan

Walker, Brielle Smith, and Trinity Osgood. Silver medalist was Reagan Hayes. Bronze medalists were Emmay Regan, Violet Jones, and Alicia Dillon.

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Clarkson University to host Paramedic Open House on Feb. 11 to address shortages

POTSDAM — Clarkson University's Earl R. and Barbara D. Lewis School of Health & Life Sciences will host an open house for its Paramedic Program on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Clarkson Hall, 59 Main St. in Potsdam.

Those who attend the open house, which begins at 6 p.m., will have the opportunity to meet with the program staff and tour Clarkson's Health Sciences facilities.

The Paramedic Program is starting its next cohort on Aug. 18.

This program aims to tackle the significant Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staffing shortages in the North Country and its surrounding rural areas with this intensive nine-month program.

This initiative is the result of a collaborative effort with Clarkson University's School of Health & Life Sciences and St. Lawrence Health.

The Paramedic Program is a full-time educational opportunity with 20 students per cohort, ensuring students can immerse themselves in their studies and gain hands-on

experience in simulated emergency scenarios.

An entry-level paramedic must be well prepared in the cognitive, psychomotor and affective behavior learning domains.

This program will prepare each student to make critical decisions and provide compassionate care. In the future, participants can also earn college credits, making this program an attractive option for those seeking to further their academic pursuits.

To be eligible for the Paramedic Program, applicants must be a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Clarkson also offers EMT classes through the Lewis School of Health Sciences. For more information on EMT courses, click here.

For more information about Clarkson's Paramedic Program, click here.

To fill out an application, please contact Doug Wildermuth at dwilerm@clarkson.edu or 518-361-0218.

White Out Weekend planned

CLIFTON — The annual Adirondack White Out Weekend held in Star Lake, Wanakena, Oswegatchie and Cranberry Lake will be Feb. 14-16 with a variety of events.

The free winter celebration features natural history, local history, arts/crafts, live music, Contra dancing, open mic, horse drawn wagon rides, storytelling, bird walk and food.

Highlights include:

Friday, Feb. 14

- Ice Jam-Boree 9th Birthday Bash and Open Air Open Mic at Otto's Abode, 6 Hamele St., Wanakena, from 6-9 p.m.
- Campfire & Snow Croquet & Hot Food in the Z-Park at Otto's Abode starting at dusk.
- Luminary Woods Walk, 2nd Street, Wanakena, dusk-10 p.m. Walk wooded trail from 2nd street through woods to Ranger School Road. Lit with ice luminaries.
- Labyrinth Fairy Village, South Shore Road, Wanakena, dusk-10 p.m. Stroll across the iconic Wanakena Footbridge, then to the labyrinth on South Shore Road.
- Glow Skating at Clifton-Fine Arena, 4173B NYS 3, Star Lake, 6-8 p.m. Bring own skates.

Saturday, Feb. 15

- Bigfoot Pancake Challenge at U-B's Mercantile, 3386 NY 3, Oswegatchie, 8-10:45 a.m. Pancakes for sale.
- Jack Wax, U-B's Mercantile, 3386 NY 3, Oswegatchie, 8-10:45 a.m. Jack Wax, aka Sugar on Snow, is created by pouring fresh maple syrup on cold snow. Free.
- Book, Bake & Rummage Sale at Clifton-Fine Community Center, 4208 NY 3, Star Lake, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Sandwiches & soups sold at Clifton-Fine Community Center, 3386 NY 3, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Free horse-drawn wagon rides at Adirondack Exhibit Center, 4195 NY 3, Star Lake, noon-2 p.m. Jointly sponsored by the Adirondack Exhibit Center and Adirondack WhiteOut Weekend.
- Busy Beavers, Adirondack Exhibit Center, 4195 NY 3, Star Lake, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Learn about historic beaver fur trade by examining objects from the Adirondack Experience teaching collection.
- Crafts, Cookies & Videos, Adirondack Exhibit Center, 4195 NY 3, Star Lake, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Meet the Beaver Trappers, Adirondack Exhibit Center, 4195 NY 3, Star Lake, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Local trappers Ed & Deb Baxter and Butch (AD) Brown will answer questions. Skulls, traps, and pelts will be on display.
- Campfire & S'mores, Adirondack Exhibit Center, 4195 NY 3, Star Lake, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Frying Pan Toss Contest, American Legion, Mervin Eno Post 1539, 264 Benson Mines Rd., Star Lake, 11 a.m. Registration at 10:45. For kids and adults.
- Food sold at the American Legion Mervin Eno Post 1539, 264 Benson Mines Rd., Star Lake, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Free, live music by Gene and Tyler Sorrell at the American Legion Mervin Eno Post 1539, 264 Benson Mines Rd., Star Lake, 3-6 p.m. Classic rock.
- Wine Tasting, UB's Mercantile, 3386 NY 3, Oswegatchie, 1-4 p.m.
- Chainsaw carving demonstration with Packbasket Adventures, 12 Reed Rd., Wanakena, at 10 a.m., 1 and

3 p.m.

- Carl's Carvings at Packbasket Adventures, 12 Reed Rd., Wanakena, 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. Local artisan, Carl Twyman, displays his unique walking sticks.

- Snow croquet in Z-Park at Otto's Abode, 6 Hamele St., Wanakena. All day. Free
- Labyrinth Fairy Village, South Shore Road, Wanakena. All day.

- Pickleball on Ice at Clifton-Fine Arena, 4173B NYS 3, Star Lake, from 1-3 p.m. Bring your own skates. This free event is conditional on weather.

- Adirondack Beaver Tails, Clifton-Fine Arena, 4173B NYS 3, Star Lake, 1-3 p.m. Come try our North Country rendition of the beloved Canadian treat. Adirondack Beaver Tails are dessert waffles served on a stick.

- Winter Tales, Western Adk Presbyterian Church, 11 Youngs Rd., Star Lake, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Presentations at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Collaboration of the Wanakena Historical Association and Common Thread Quilts. See old winter photos & artifacts.

- Refreshments at the Western Adk Presbyterian Church, 11 Youngs Rd., Star Lake, from 1-4 p.m. Presbyterian Church congregation provides homemade goodies for free.

- Food at Cranberry Lake Fire Hall, State Route 3, Cranberry Lake, 5-8 p.m. Chili, cornbread and desserts will be sold. Bring a pack of single serving snacks to donate to local elementary students, get dessert free.

- Beaver Trivia at Cranberry Lake Fire Hall, State Route 3, Cranberry Lake, 5-6 p.m.

- Knotty Paddy Concert at Cranberry Lake Fire Hall, State Route 3, Cranberry Lake, from 6-7:45 p.m.

- Contra Dance at Cranberry Lake Fire Hall, State Route 3, Cranberry Lake, 8-9 p.m.

- Dance to live & lively traditional music. Sponsored by the Cranberry Lake North Shore Hub.

Sunday, Feb. 16

- Winter Bird Walk at SUNY ESF Ranger School, 257 Ranger School Road, Wanakena, from 9-11 a.m. Parking is available in front of the Ranger School by the river. Limited handicap accessible parking is behind the building. Contact Vanessa Rojas at vgrojas@esf.edu for info.
- Wintering for Humans at Packbasket Adventures, 12 Reed Rd., Wanakena, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Humans may not hibernate, but our rhythms are different in winter. Tea ceremony to follow at 1:30.
- Grilled cheese sandwiches at Packbasket Adventures, 12 Reed Rd., Wanakena, 1:30 p.m. \$5 each.
- Baked Potato Bar, Newton Fall Fire Hall, 955 CR 60, noon-2 p.m.
- Lynn Morgan, storyteller, at Newton Fall Fire Hall, 955 CR 60, 12:30-2 p.m. Lynn is a master in the art of storytelling with 30 years of experience.
- Adirondack Beaver Tails, Newton Fall Fire Hall, 955 CR 60, Newton Falls, noon-2 p.m. Adirondack Beaver Tails are dessert waffles served on a stick with toppings.
- Beavers on the Big Screen at Newton Fall Fire Hall, 955 CR 60, Newton Falls, from noon-2 p.m. Watch beavers in action through a series of videos on a big screen. Visit www.adkwow.org for schedule.

- The event is put on by 100% volunteer efforts and the generosity of sponsors, donations & fundraising proceeds.



Photo submitted by PFSC

Eighteen Potsdam Figuring Skating Club members competed in the 2025 Empire State Winter Games in Lake Placid, with 16 medals awarded.

Potsdam figure skaters bring home medals

POTSDAM — A total of 16 medals came home with the 18 Potsdam Figure Skating Club members who competed in the 2025 Empire State Winter Games.

The annual competition with skaters from all over the state was held in Lake Placid Jan. 31-Feb. 1.

Individual medalists were Alexis Adams - silver, Kalyn Bullock - silver, Shea Charleson - silver, Saadhika Dhaniyal - silver, Kate Ewy - silver, Ava Feticie - bronze, Emily Geidel - silver, Dillynn Grant - silver, Elayne Howald - silver, Jason Lu - silver in freestyle and silver

in dance, Autumn Masuk - silver, Olivia Pellegrino - bronze, Anna Russell - Gold, Abby Smith - silver, and Ava Steinrotter - bronze.

Also participating were Amina Ait Mattallah, Madeline Carter, and Gwen Decker.

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Wearing their gold medals are the Blades12U Girls Hockey team: Back row from left, Coach Michael Sergi, Jillian Pitts, Ileia Palmer, Jolynn Oakes, Teresa Lasala, Natalie French, Gianna Sorrento, Coach Lindsay Lasala; Kneeling from left, Raegan Thomas, Emma Russell, Susannah Bullard, Giuliana Sergi, Zoe Smoke, Anna Kavanagh; Goalie Alexis Thornton. Not pictured, Coach Melissa Thomas.

Blades Girls win gold at Empire Games

CANTON — Gold medalists at the 2025 Empire State Winter Games in Lake Placid last weekend were members of the Blades 12U Girls Hockey.

Team members are from Canton, Potsdam, Massena, Ogdensburg, Mooers, Tupper Lake, Akwesasne and Bombay.

The team played four games total. Game 1 was Blades vs Saugerties with a 1-1 tie. Game 2 was a 6-1 win over Vermont Black Bears. Game 3 was a 8-0 win over Dynamo.

The final game for the gold medal was against Saugerties, with a 3-0 win for the Blades.

Masonic Charities citrus sale underway

St. Lawrence Masonic Charities is holding its annual citrus sale. Orders will be taken until Feb. 15. Citrus will be delivered on March 1.

Citrus available are Navel Oranges 2/5 bushel for \$31 dollars, Red grapefruit 2/5 of a bushel for \$31, Navel/grapefruit mix 2/5 bushel for \$38, and Anjou pairs 1/4 bushel for

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Proceeds from the sale are used to help those in need in the area.

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Citrus can also be ordered online at: <http://FreshFruitOrder.org/masoniccharities>

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Kid's Winter Clothing Giveaway

POTSDAM — A Kid's Winter Clothing Giveaway will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Potsdam Public Library's library's mezzanine classroom. All donated clothes will be laundered and sorted for the giveaway. The library is located at 2 Park St., Potsdam. The SUNY Potsdam Wilderness Ed and Potsdam Public Library have teamed up for the event. For more information, or if you have any questions, email bishopak206@potsdam.edu

House concert

SANFORDVILLE — Mary Ann Casale and Tas Cru will perform a house concert at The Hermitage (Robin McClellan's home) on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. No cover charge, but a donation jar will be circulated (US and Canadian dollars, Euros, and Swiss Francs accepted) to support the musicians. Concertgoers can expect warm, rich vocals, tasty guitar, and relaxed, confident performance of songs from each other's repertoire as well as well-crafted covers of blues, folk and rock classics. To hear some of their music, visit their Facebook pages. For more information, visit <https://robinmcclellan.com/>, where you will find directions to the Hermitage. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is challenging in the winter.

Musical theater program

NORFOLK — A summer musical theater program for kids grades 1-8 is in the works for Norfolk Concert Series. All Interested parents should complete the Google form on the concert series Facebook page. Parents who are not on facebook, send your email to Norfolkconcertseries@gmail.com to request the form.

Rune workshop

CANTON — The Unitarian Universalist Church in Canton serving the North Country community will host a Rune casting workshop and engaging discussion on the differences between divination and fortune telling, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6-7:30 p.m. There will be opportunities for each participant to cast runes and receive support and insights. The workshop will be led by Kathy 'Kat' Wilcox, a Potsdam-based multi-modal holistic healing practitioner with more than 25 years of experience in the counseling and healing arts field. The workshop is free, open to the public.

Super Saturday

POTSDAM -- A free tax prep event will provide the opportunity for low and moderate-income working individuals and families to have their income tax return prepared free of charge. A tax event is set for Feb. 8, at SeaComm's Potsdam Branch from 12:30-5 p.m. Eligibility is generally limited to taxpayers with an income under \$70,000. Appointments for Super Saturday are required; walk-ins not allowed. To make an appointment, call 1-800-764-0566.

County Center for History and Culture joins Winterfest slate

CANTON -- Join the St. Lawrence County Center for History and Culture, 3 E Main St., for Canton Winterfest.

To celebrate, the St. Lawrence County Center for History & Culture is hosting Love Your Local Museum Week and will be open to the public without an appointment on Friday, Feb. 7; Saturday, Feb. 8; and Tuesday, Feb. 11-Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The museum will still be closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Visitors are welcome to tour the museum, visit the gift shop, and participate in our Valentine's Day Card-making Station.

At the card-making station, you can make traditional Victorian valentines, vinegar valentines, or more modern valentines for friends and family. It will be set up throughout

Canton Winterfest, so you may stop in at any time during our open hours to participate. No appointments are necessary.

Additionally, anyone who visits during Canton Winterfest will receive 10% off in our gift shop. If you're already a member, you may stack your discounts together.

Don't forget to pick up your Canton Winterfest Buttons during the event. Buttons are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Wear your button to show off your Canton pride and earn an entry to win raffle prizes. By wearing your button during Winterfest, you'll also receive exclusive deals at participating businesses around Canton.

If you have any questions, please call the main office at (315) 386-8133 or e-mail info@slcha.org.

SUNY Canton to offer 'mental health first aid' training

CANTON -- SUNY Canton will host several "Mental Health First Aid" training opportunities this spring that are open to the public.

Certified professional staff members who work in the college's counseling, health and wellness, and student affairs offices will lead the eight-hour courses on campus.

Mental Health First Aid is overseen by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing. It teaches participants how to identify, understand and respond to the signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders in adults ages 18 and older. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, psychosis and addictions.

Cost is \$75 per person. Register at www.canton.edu/wcip/lifelong/mental-health/.

Mental Health First Aid trainings will be held: Saturday, Feb. 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (pre-class online work required); Thursday, March 6 and Friday, March 7, noon-4 p.m.;

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Cellar 25b bourbon bar offers unique option for a night out

BY PAUL MITCHELL

North Country This Week

CANTON – Looking for a spot to enjoy a top-shelf cocktail in a relaxed atmosphere. Then make

a point to check out Cellar 25b in downtown Canton.

Settled in the basement of the former Josie's Pizzeria, owners Ariane and William Palmer welcome patrons to enjoy a high-quality

bourbon drink at the 25b Main Street.

"We wanted to bring an offering of uniqueness to Main Street. Secondly, breathing life back into what was famously known as the Mine

Shaft," said Ariane.

"The bar's atmosphere could be viewed as an intimate, cozy and comfortable setting to relax and enjoy each other's company over a quality cocktail. The bar offers a

wide range of bourbon including whiskey, scotch and other spirits," Ariane noted.

The bar also has red and white wine, bottled beer, IPAs and local draft on tap.

The Palmers purchased the building from long-time Josie's owner Sylvia Kingston in July and opened Cellar 25b on Nov. 14.

But there's more to Cellar 25b.

Food options include charcuterie boards, sushi, light fare bar snacks, and typically something sweet for dessert.

The business will also host a private party that so far has proved to be well received by both the hosts and attendees.

"We have hosted a few private parties to date with great success and we are certainly open to future requests and we continue to get requests for small events," said Ariane. "We feel it's important to offer this option to our area as this can be limited to some degree."

Those interested in booking the venue can call Cellar 25b at (315) 714-1616.

"Bill will certainly follow up with any requests that are left with our staff," she added.

The Palmers also have plans to hold special events that can coincide with special days of the year.

Ariane said she and her husband are currently working on a Valentine's Day package that would include tickets for a comedy show featuring Rochester's Dan Viola at the Cellar 25b on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, from 7 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person.

The event will include a Famous Heart Shaped Pizza provided by legendary pizza maker Sylvia Kingston who will be asking for a preorder on pizza (cheese or pepperoni for \$14 and not included in tickets bundle), a long-stem red rose locally sourced from White's Flowers and one drink voucher up to \$12 per person. The bar menu will also be available.

Tickets can be purchased separately should someone not want pizza. Tickets are now available with around 40 tickets to be sold.

Cellar 25b will also be participating in Canton Winterfest, offering \$1 off draft beer from 4 to 5 p.m. during the Winterfest festivities (Feb. 7-16).

"It has been a positive experience thus far and we greatly appreciate our newly established patrons as we continue to grow," Ariane concluded.

Ariane is a licensed real estate broker and owner of Palmer Realty that is housed in a street level office space upstairs from Cellar 25b.

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Big Lots leases up for grabs in Massena and Potsdam

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The clock is ticking to save St. Lawrence County's two Big Lots locations, with offers to purchase the leases due today, Jan. 24.

It is unclear if a buyer has come forward as of press time, however Gordon Brothers have actively sought buyers since taking over the failing chain last month.

"Gordon Brothers, the global asset experts, is offering Big Lots leases for sale nationwide. The new-to-market stores are primarily located in shopping centers across 47 states and range in size from approximately 19,000 to 55,000 square feet," Gordon Brothers posted online.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for expansion-minded retailers to grow their footprint by acquiring well-located stores with long-term, below-market rents," said Michael Burden, Co-Head of North America Real Estate Services at Gordon Brothers.

"These spaces offer a seamless path to enhance their presence and

serve new communities, making it an ideal time to capitalize on prime retail real estate."

The recent sale of Big Lots assets has left hundreds of stores in limbo, with Gordon Brothers agreeing to take on the company following a bankruptcy filing.

As part of an agreement with Variety Wholesalers, 200 to 400 stores along the Atlantic Coast and in the south will transfer from Gordon Brothers.

The Boston-based firm said they are working on deals to sell remaining stores and leases, with details on their website for potential buyers to peruse.

Lease information for the Massena location shows interested parties would be able to purchase a remaining five-year lease, while in Potsdam the lease agreement is a 5+5+5+5 deal, allowing for multiple options after the initial five-year lease is complete.

Both locations currently have "Closing" banners displayed with sales still ongoing.

For more information, visit info.gordonbrothers.com/biglotsreal-estate



Submitted Photo

Pictured from left are Aleene Thomas, Emily Clark, Annemarie LaRue, Northern Credit Union; Melanie Flack, Executive Director with committee members Allison Carney, Louise Jensen and Brittany Krawczyk.

Northern Credit Union supports Hockey Night

POTSDAM — Northern Credit Union recently presented the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce Events & Festivals Committee with a donation in support of their upcoming Potsdam Chamber Hockey Night.

The annual Chamber Hockey Night is Saturday, Feb. 15 at 4 p.m.

when Clarkson University takes on Harvard University at Cheel Arena.

It is a fundraiser to support Potsdam Summerfest and Fright Night.

Tickets are available for purchase through the Potsdam Chamber for \$15 each.

Chamber ticket holders will

enjoy a designated seating section and exclusive opportunities to win gift cards from Stewarts, Novawic & Co., the North Country Children's Museum and Park Bros (1 in 10 chance of winning). Additionally, North Country Savings Bank is sponsoring a \$150 On-Ice Money Grab during the event.

SLFCU commits \$10,000 to NCCM

POTSDAM — St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union has made a \$10,000 commitment to the North Country Children's Museum in support of its second-floor development.

Officials say this expansion will feature "innovative exhibits that will engage, educate, and inspire young children throughout the area."

"We are thrilled to support the museum's expansion, which will provide more opportunities for children and families to learn and connect in a creative environment. The North Country Children's Museum is a cornerstone for education and engagement for youth in our community," Amber Taylor St. Lawrence FCU's, CEO & President said.

St. Lawrence FCU's say the donation is aimed at fostering growth and development within the community.

"We are incredibly grateful to St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union who have supported our Annual Appeal for years. With this generous donation, the Chil-

dren's Museum's second floor expansion project capital campaign has reached the 95% funded mark. We hope to open the full second floor with new exhibits in the summer of 2025," said North Country Children's Museum, Executive Director Sharon Vegg Williams.

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Ogdensburg. 2 bedroom apartment. Large yard. Off-street parking. \$750 plus utilities and deposit. Call 315-322-1088.

See More Rentals on Page 31**TRADESMAN PROPERTIES INC.****Crescent Meadow Rentals:**

Located: 7581 US Highway 11, Potsdam NY 13676

• 1, 2, 3 Bedrooms starting at \$515/month

Norwood Rentals:

Located: 33 Mechanic St., Norwood NY 13668

• 1 Bedroom starting at \$450/month

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Located: 31 / 32 Maple Street, Potsdam NY 13676

• 1, 2, & 4 Bedrooms starting at \$515/month

Apply Online For additional information, pictures, etc. on all the units:
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AJs Portables is Hiring! Must have a clean driving record and pass a DOT physical. Tasks include truck driving, cleaning porta potties, picking up and delivering toilets. For more information call 315 393 6152. EOE

Producer: Under the direction of the Akewasne TV Executive Producer, the Producer's responsibilities will vary from video project to project, but will include organizing production, related teams and personnel, coordinating in-studio shoots, operating live broadcasting equipment, supervising lighting or sound plans, editing scripts, or writing scripts for items. The Producer will also coordinate, film and edit, select assigned video segments and be responsible for ensuring segments are approved for broadcast. The Producer may also be tasked with operational duties such as generating financial quotes related to production or status updates on productions. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt, Permanent Salary: \$15.63 - \$30.44 Deadline: February 19, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmtnsn.gov

The Collections and Arts Programming Manager (a 12-month position) will join a dedicated team of professionals tasked with stewarding the art collections and select arts endowments held by Potsdam College Foundation. This position is responsible for the daily duties of managing the Foundation's extensive art collection, LoKo Arts programming and supporting other arts engagement events, as needed. This will primarily require managing the Foundation's extensive art collection in close coordination with the Director and the Foundation Art Collection Committee, including the proper handling, storage, shipping and general treatment of the Collection; oversee installation of pieces in public spaces on campus; and maintaining accurate and thorough records of all pieces held in the Collection. Additionally, managing the LoKo Arts grant cycle and supporting other arts engagement events made possible through endowed funds held by the Foundation will be required. The successful candidate will bring exceptional interpersonal, organizational,



Child Care Professionals Needed

Infant Head of Group

Full time positions. Requirements:

Associates Degree in Early Childhood or Infant/Toddler CDA and 2 years experience working with infants.

\$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@twcny.rr.com

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

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Immediate need for a **MEDICAL BILLER** in busy physician offices in Massena, NY. Full-time position, competitive salary and benefits.

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ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Temporary/Per-Diem Dispatcher/Senior Clerk

Safety & Security

St. Lawrence University invites applications to apply for a **Temporary/Per-Diem Dispatcher/Senior Clerk** position. The salary range is \$16.00 - \$16.50/hr.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/4011> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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**St. Lawrence County
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, INC.**

HEAD START has the current openings:

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

Secretary: Canton Administrative Office. Knowledge of secretarial duties and strong computer skills. The position is full time, 35 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. The salary is \$17.28 per hour.

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 (1) 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.

Bus Monitor/Classroom Aide for Parishville 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.

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

Job Descriptions are available on our website at www.slccdp.org

Positions follow the BOCES Calendar.

Send letter of interest, resume and three current, signed and dated written letters of reference including phone number, address, and email address to Head Start, One Commerce Lane, Canton, NY 13617.

Deadline is until the positions are filled. Head Start is an EOE. Call 315-386-8574 ext.: 111, 114 or 119 for further information.

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

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

Applications accepted until position filled.

You can apply online at

<https://stlaw-portal.mycivilservice.com>.

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

or by contacting Human Resources

315-379-2210

Send application to:
St. Lawrence County
Human Resources Office

48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617

AA/EEO



IT Systems Administrator

St. Lawrence Federal Credit is a member-focused Credit Union dedicated to providing exceptional financial services to our community. Our team is driven by innovation, trust and a commitment to enhancing the financial well-being of our members.

We are looking for a talented and dedicated **IT Systems Administrator** to help support and maintain our IT infrastructure and systems. As an IT Systems Administrator, you will play a crucial role in maintaining, supporting and enhancing the Credit Union's IT Systems, including servers, networks and applications. As a part of the IT Department, you will assist in ensuring the security, reliability, and efficiency of all IT Systems, working closely with other departments to meet the Credit Union's technology needs.

SLFCU offers a generous benefit package and the salary range for this position is \$64,000 to \$74,000.

Please submit cover letter and resume to Jean M. Clouse, Vice President of Human Resources, at jclouse@stlawfcu.com no later than February 14.

A full job description can be obtained from Jean M. Clouse at jclouse@stlawfcu.com.

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tional, and stewardship skills along with professionalism and inclusiveness with the capability to manage multiple projects and deadlines. The ability to work nights and weekends, as needed, will be necessary. Bachelor's degree required. SUNY Potsdam alumni are encouraged to apply. Learn more by visiting <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/5311EOE>

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@nnymail.com.

Position opening: Head of School, St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Canton; starting Fall 2025. www.sienacademy.org/careers

LOUISVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Louisville will be accepting applications to work in the Summer Recreation Program, as Youth Counselors. Candidates must be between the ages of 16 to 21 and preferably a resident of Louisville. Candidates must be highly motivated and willing to work with the community youth in a Summer Recreation Program. Responsibilities include overseeing, participating and interacting with the children. If you are interested in being considered for one of the positions, you can pick up an application at the Louisville Town Clerk's office, Monday 8am to 4pm, Tuesday thru Thursday 8:00 am to 3:00pm, Friday 9am – 3pm or download the application at louisvillenewyork.com. The deadline for submitting an application is March 14, 2025. If you have any questions please call the office at 764-7473. The Town of Louisville is an equal opportunity employer. Date: 1/09/2025 Amy Ellsworth Louisville Town Clerk

Home Health Aide - Hospice of St Lawrence Valley has openings for full-time, part-time, and per diem Home Health Aides to provide direct care to Hospice patients under the supervision of a Registered Nurse. Must be a New York State Certified Home Health Aide and possess a valid NYS Driver's license and dependable personal vehicle. Travel throughout St Lawrence County is required. Salary \$17-\$19/hour. Applications are available at hospiceslv.org or by calling Hospice at 315-265-3105.

Canton doctor's office looking for front desk and billing professional. Caring atmosphere. Competitive pay and benefits. Full-time. Contact drsliftowle@yahoo.com or 315-854-0048

Cleaner/Housekeeper needed at the Potsdam Human Society Duties include cleaning all dog, cat, and small animal enclosures; providing fresh food, water, bedding, and litter; washing and sanitizing dishes, litter pans, and other animal equipment; sweeping, vacuuming, and mopping; laundry; stocking and organizing supply room; cleaning the bathroom; and trash removal. Duties are divided into 3 main categories: Dogs, Cats, and Housekeeping. Background check required. Reply to: Victoria Murray, Shelter Manager: 315-265-3199 or victoria@potsdamhumane.org. EOE

In Home Caretaker Needed Are you OVER the clinical atmosphere of traditional nursing homes? Are you TIRED of being overworked and have an insane patient load? Do you want to get back your passion in compassion? If you're reliable and have a positive attitude, then you may be a good fit to take care of my beautiful Mother. Schedule is 5 days a week and 5 hours per day. Salary is \$30/hr. Apply by contacting me via email at Ronnie (rknights2@gmail.com) for more info.

The St. Lawrence County Information Technology Department is in search of a Computer Technician. The starting salary



Marketing Officer

At St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union, we are passionate about being a trusted provider of financial services while building lasting relationships with our members, employees and community.

We are looking for a dynamic and creative **Marketing Officer** to join our team and help us expand our reach, engage with our members and future members and elevate our presence. The Marketing Officer will oversee the process of marketing and business development within the Credit Union's field of membership.

Must have experience with print and digital marketing, social media management and content creation.

SLFCU offers a generous benefit package and the salary range for this position is \$61,000 to \$71,000. Minimum of 3 years previous experience.

Please submit cover letter, resume and samples of your work to demonstrate your skills to Jean M. Clouse, Vice President of Human Resources, at jclouse@stlawfcu.com no later than February 14.

A full job description can be obtained from Jean M. Clouse at jclouse@stlawfcu.com.

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Safety and Occupational Health Manager

Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Massena, NY

View complete posting on www.USAJOBS.gov (search on Massena, NY). This vacancy will close on 04/14/2025, there will be early consideration 02/10/2025.

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



Canton Central School

has two anticipated coaching vacancies:

- Boys Modified Lacrosse Head Coach**
- Boys Modified Lacrosse Assistant Coach**

Interested qualified applicants should apply at

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

Applications are due by:

4 p.m. on February 10, 2020

Appropriate NYS credentials are required.

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is \$52,635 with excellent benefits. 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. To view the full job posting and apply please visit <https://stlawco.gov/Departments/HumanResources>. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Please send applications to: Human Resources Office, 48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617. Applications can be obtained online at <https://stlawco.gov/Departments/HumanResources> or by contacting Human Resources (315)379-2210. AA/EEO

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST - ENGINEERING OFFICE IN CANTON: Full time position to provide administrative and clerical support. Duties include typing, filing, answering telephone, processing mail, general office tasks, assembling contract specifications for construction bidding purposes. High school diploma required; Associates degree in related field preferred. Proficiency in Word, WordPerfect and Excel required. 4 years experience in a deadline-oriented environment; well organized, solution oriented; self starter, efficient, productive, works well with a team. Minimum 4 year experience. Benefits include Health Insurance, 401K, vacation and sick leave. Salary range \$18.00 - \$22.00 per hour based on experience. Engineering and/or construction related background preferred but not required. Forward resume to Tisdel Associates, PO Box 400, Canton, NY 13617 or by email at mestep@tisdelassociates.com. Tisdel Associates is an Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer.

Tisdel Associates, a multi-discipline engineering firm, is seeking a full-time structural, civil or environmental engineer for their team. Responsibilities of this position include producing design calculations and construction documents; coordination with the design team and team members of our office and construction administration services for a wide variety of projects. Experience using Revit, structural engineering design software, and Microsoft Office software is preferred. Forward resume to Tisdel Associates, PO Box 400, Canton, NY 13617 or to mestep@tisdelassociates.com. Tisdel Associates is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer.

Medical Director: This Medical Director will join an engaged and cohesive medical staff, supported by a strong and thoughtful leadership team in the delivery of patient-centered care by evidence-based standards. As the Medical Director you will provide oversight of medical programs operations by ensuring a high quality of healthcare is delivered through the entire life span. Provides strategic plan and guidance and constantly monitors fiscal responsibility of medical operations. Status: Exempt, Full-time, Permanent Salary: Negotiable Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmtnsn.gov

Recycling Coordinator: The Recycling Coordinator, under the supervision of the Transfer Station Solid Waste Manager, will collaborate with staff and customers to promote waste diversion initiatives. This role involves developing and evaluating the Tribe's recycling and waste reduction programs. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt, Permanent Salary: \$15.63 - \$36.78 Deadline: February 26, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmtnsn.gov

Security Guard (Part-Time): Under the direction of the Community Advocacy Program Lead Security Guard, the Security Guard is responsible to maintain a safe and secure environment for the Three Sisters Safe Home Residents and staff by patrolling and monitoring the building premises and grounds. Status: Part-Time, Non-exempt Salary: \$15.63 - \$21.7 Deadline: February 12, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmtnsn.gov

Laboratory Technician/Technologist: Under the direction of the Laboratory Supervisor, the Laboratory Technician/Technologist is responsible for performing a wide variety of laboratory procedures on blood and other body fluids in chemistry, hematology, microbiology, urinalysis and clinical

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY Principal Clerk Bookkeeper SLU Bookstore

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a 12-Month, **Principal Clerk** position. The salary range is \$17.72 - \$24.49/hr.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/3982> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Regis Falls Central School District (EO/AAE) is accepting applications for the following position:

**Secondary Science Teacher (Chemistry, Earth Science)
Special Education Teacher
School Counselor
School Psychologist
Speech Pathologist (Part-Time)
Cook Manager**

Starting Date: ASAP

Application Deadline: March 10, 2025

Qualifications, job description and application can be found online at: <https://www.stregiscsd.org/district/employment-opportunities>

Completed applications can be emailed to dgoodrich@stregiscsd.org or mailed to:

**St. Regis Falls Central School Attn: Alexis Chapman
P.O. Box 309, 92 North Main Street
St. Regis Falls, NY 12980**

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At Clifton Fine Hospital, we are dedicated to providing high quality personalized healthcare to the community. We strive for employee wellbeing, professional development and personal growth. We care for your career while caring for the community.

SUMMARY

Performs high-quality care. Coordinating pharmacy services to meet our needs. Join the Clifton Fine Hospital team and be part of our mission to provide high quality personalized healthcare to our community! Clifton Fine Hospital is a vital part of our community, offering exceptional healthcare services in a welcoming and compassionate environment. We are a Rural Emergency Hospital with Primary Care Clinic and other outpatient services.

STATUS: Per Diem

LOCATION: Star Lake Hospital

DEPARTMENT: Pharmacy

SCHEDULE: minimum of once a month, 8 hours and may include some call hours

ATTRIBUTES

- **REQUIRED:** Licensed Pharmacist.
- Must be able to work in a fast paced environment, work independently and lift 1/-50lbs
- Looking for candidate that embraces customer service and who can work with all facets of Healthcare providers.
- **PREFERRED:** 1-3 years of experience
- New graduates are invited to apply
- New graduates are invited to apply

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Developing pharmacy services to fit the needs of our patients
- Supervising staff
- Coordinating Pharmacy services
- Create reports
- visual survey of premises for regulatory compliance
- process outdates
- audit controlled substances
- ordering medications
- meeting with clinical staff to address any ordering or administration issues as needed

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

M - Medium Work – lifting, pushing and pulling patients; requires frequent walking, standing or squatting.

Any physical requirements reported by a prospective employee and/or employee's physician or delegate will be considered for accommodations.

PAY RANGE:

\$65.00 - \$75.00

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St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, an Office of Mental Health (OMH) facility, is looking for individuals to join their **FAMILY CARE PROGRAM**.

The Family Care Program is a residential program sponsored by OMH for individuals with mental illness

**Family Care Providers provide daily care in their home including:
Medication management • Meal preparation
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Want to learn more about how you can contribute to an individual's recovery?

Join us for an informational session

March 3, 4, 6, 7, 20, 21, 24, & 25

9am - 3pm

Unity Building; 1 Chimney Point Drive, Ogdensburg

QUESTIONS?

Contact Johnnie Flynn, Family Care Coordinator

(315) 394-0101 ext. 140 or

Johnnie.Flynn@omh.ny.gov

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

General Laborer

Facilities Operations Department

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a Full-time **General Laborer**. The salary is \$15.50 - \$20.38/hr. To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

OFFICE ASSISTANT II / KEYBOARDING

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Two years office experience.
- Passed the typing test.

This title is part of the New York Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Statewide Program (NY HELPS).

For the duration of the NY HELPS Program, this title may be filled via a non-competitive appointment, which means no examination is required but all candidates must meet the minimum qualifications of the title for which they apply. At this time, agencies may recruit and hire employees by making a permanent non-competitive appointment and the official probationary period will begin.



ees by making a permanent non-competitive appointment and the official probationary period will begin.

At a future date (within one year of permanent appointment), it is expected employees hired under NY HELPS will have their non-competitive employment status converted to competitive status, without having to compete in an examination. Employees will then be afforded with all the same rights and privileges of competitive class employees of New York State. While serving permanently in a NY HELPS title, employees may take part in any promotion examination for which they are qualified.

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNER / SL-2

SALARY RANGE: \$45,156 - \$47,000

11-MONTH POSITION

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field – education, instructional media/technology, curriculum design, or related field.
- Knowledge of learning theories and instructional design models.

- Experience in course design.
- Demonstrated commitment to student success in online and other environments.
- Clear, concise, and friendly communication skills.
- Organizational and time management skills.
- Commitment to service excellence.

FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANT SL-2 / ADVISOR SL-3

SALARY RANGE: \$49,261 - \$60,000

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Demonstrated experience delivering effective communication via telephone, email, virtually, or in person.
- Associate's degree from an accredited college with a minimum of 2 years of experience in a customer service-related

- office setting.
- Eligibility to access federal computerized systems (Applicants must be in good standing on federal student loans to be eligible).
- Experience with Microsoft Office programs.

EARLY CHILDHOOD LECTURER

SALARY RANGE: \$50,000-\$65,000

11-MONTH POSITION

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's degree in early childhood, child development, or related field with emphasis on children from infancy to age 5.
- Minimum 3 years' experience in the field of early care and

- education working with children from birth to age 5 years.
- Knowledge of Child Care Regulations and Licensing.
- College teaching at the undergraduate level in both online and in person settings.
- Experience designing and developing undergraduate courses relevant to the early childhood discipline.
- Knowledge of Online Learning Management Systems.

FOUNDATION ACCOUNTANT

SALARY RANGE: \$40,000 - \$45,000

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Associate's degree in accounting, finance, or business.
- One to three years of accounting experience.
- General comfort and proficiency in various software

- systems.
- Experience working in Microsoft Office products, particularly Word and Excel as well as stand-alone accounting software systems.
- Valid driver's license.

TITLE IX COORDINATOR / STAFF ASSOCIATE SL-4

SALARY RANGE: \$62,596 - \$65,000

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree.
- Demonstrated ability to conduct work with integrity, fairness, and empathy.

- Ability to understand the needs of the College and pivot between interactions with students, faculty, staff, University Police, and legal counsel.
- Effective communication both verbally and in writing.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR / FACULTY

SALARY RANGE: \$95,000 - \$105,000

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Advanced degree in Business Administration or a related field (Ph.D. or DBA).

The School of Business and Liberal Arts invites applications for the Director of the Business Department position. We

are seeking an energetic and forward-looking leader with strong academic and professional accomplishments who can serve in this key leadership position to drive the department to new heights. The director will have the opportunity to shape the business department and collaborate with the visionary dean to advance the department and help define the new future for the department.

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. For more information or to apply for the above positions, please visit:

<https://employment.canton.edu/>

Cornell Cooperative Extension St. Lawrence County

4-H EDUCATOR

POSITION SUMMARY:

This position will serve as the Dairy Education Specialist for Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of St. Lawrence County and will assist in program communication, implementation, and coordination of Agriculture and Dairy Promotion programs. Responsibilities include direct programming implementation and coordination of existing Youth and Family Development programming utilizing already-established curriculum, activities, and resources. Under the oversight of the Team Leader, this position will plan, implement, and communicate programming for a menu of Agriculture Education programs and program activities. This position requires a strong skillset in communication and will utilize a variety of educational delivery methods, both on-site and off-site to include, but not limited to direct teaching, group experiences, media, newsletters, electronic technology, internet, virtual learning, workshops, contests and forums. The Specialist will communicate relevant and rigorous Agriculture and Dairy content to students while incorporating educational resources which are adaptable for in-person instruction, virtual learning, and the new hybrid model of education.

This position will also serve as the Ag in the Classroom Dairy Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of St. Lawrence County and will assist in program communication, implementation, and coordination of Agriculture and Dairy Promotion programs. Under the oversight of the Team Leader, this position will plan, implement, and communicate programming for a menu of Agriculture Education programs and program activities. This position requires a strong skillset in communication and will utilize a variety of educational delivery methods, both on-site and off-site to include, but not limited to direct teaching, group experiences, media, newsletters, electronic technology, internet, virtual learning, workshops, contests, and forums. The Educator will communicate relevant and rigorous Agriculture and Dairy content to students while incorporating educational resources which are adaptable for in-person instruction, virtual learning, and the new hybrid model of education.

Please contact Badra Rouhi, Human Resources Manager at 315-379-9192 with questions.

POSITION DETAILS:

This position is a full-time, non-exempt position, 40 hours per week. The hourly rate for this position is \$20.00 to \$21.00 commensurate with experience. This position, based on eligibility, offers a comprehensive benefit package, to include: health and dental insurance, NYS retirement, vacation, sick and personal leave.

POSITION INFORMATION:

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent education (Associate's Degree and two (2) years of transferrable program/functional experience).
- Experience relevant to the role of the position.
- Valid NYS Driver's License and the ability to meet travel requirements associated with this position.
- Ability to work flexible hours which may include evenings and/or weekends, as appropriate.
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To Apply:

- Complete the BOCES Common Application, which can be found at: <https://forms.sllboces.org/Forms/CommonApplication>.
- Submit a letter of interest, three (3) letters of recommendation, copies of college transcripts, and a copy of certification(s).
- Application material can also be mailed to either School's District Office.

Position will remain open until filled.

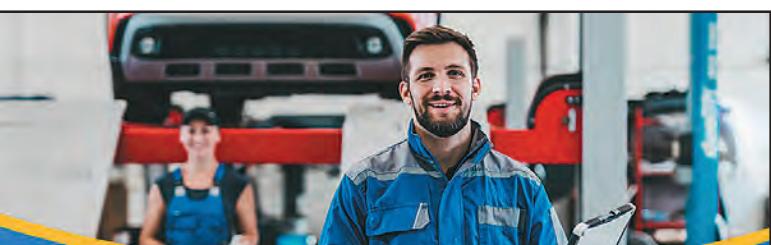


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- Student Enrollment: 472
- Certified Instructional Staff: 54
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- Active School Building Leadership (SBL) Certification
- Three (3) years of teaching experience

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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The BOCES application can be accessed and submitted online at www.sllboces.org.



Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. EOE

microscopy to obtain data for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disease. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt, Permanent Salary: \$16.92-\$46.70 / \$16.92-\$50.07 Deadline: February 12, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at www.srlt-nsn.gov

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**Deadline for applications -
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Associate Director of Laurentian Engagement

St. Lawrence University invites applications for an **Associate Director of Laurentian Engagement**. Reporting to the Director of Laurentian Engagement, the Associate Director will be responsible for the overall coordination of Reunion Weekend planning and other designated events under Laurentian Engagement. Salary range \$60,406 - \$62,000 annually. The actual rate will be determined based on experience and other factors permitted by law.

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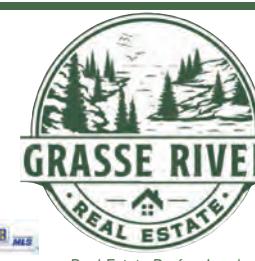
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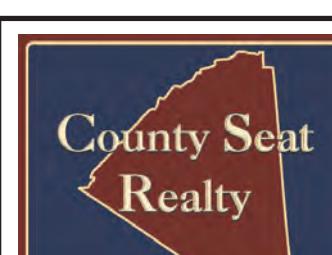
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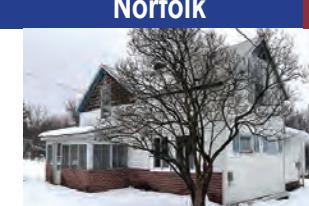


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Winterfest is an annual town-wide event filled with 10 days of community programming, shopping discounts, and recreational activities to highlight local businesses and celebrate everything that makes Canton a great place to live.

The celebration aims to bring the residents, businesses, and organizations of Canton and St. Lawrence County together to celebrate community. Also planned are deals by local businesses, a prize raffle, and numerous events.

Sponsor is MacFadden Dier Leonard Agency and the raffle prize sponsor is Palmer Realty.

Events include a Valentine's Day and comedy event at the Best Western University Inn, cardboard sled races, Trivia Night at St. Mary's Church, an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at the United Methodist Church, Little River Winterfest, open skating, and 21 sports games at St. Lawrence University and SUNY Canton.

"An event we are also excited for is the Business After Hours we are co-hosting at 11 West on Feb. 11," said Ben Dixon, Executive Director of the Chamber.

The celebration aims to bring the residents, businesses, and organizations of Canton and St. Lawrence County together to celebrate community.

"This tremendously popular new establishment is a great place for the business leaders of Canton and all of St. Lawrence County to come together, network, and celebrate each other. We look forward to sharing the highlights of impactful programming in Canton in our first official year as an Integrated Chamber of Commerce and our even greater goals for the year ahead. We want to thank 11 West for co-hosting what we know will be a fun-filled evening."

11 West will be providing appetizers and there will be a cash bar. The Business After Hours will be from 5 - 7 p.m. and those wishing to attend are requested to register at www.SLCChamber.org.

A new Winterfest design has been developed by Kaydence L. at Hugh Williams High School.

The design is featured on this year's Winterfest commemorative buttons, which will be available with raffle tickets, for purchase at participating businesses and at the Chamber Visitor Center at 101 Main Street. See related story elsewhere in this special section.

"We are so excited for Canton Winterfest," said Dixon. "The Chamber of Commerce appreciates how the businesses, organizations, and residents of Canton and St. Lawrence County



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For more information on Canton Winterfest and its offerings, visit the event page at www.SLCChamber.org and the Chamber's event calendar.

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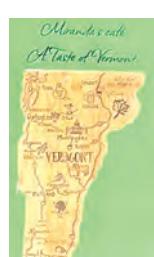
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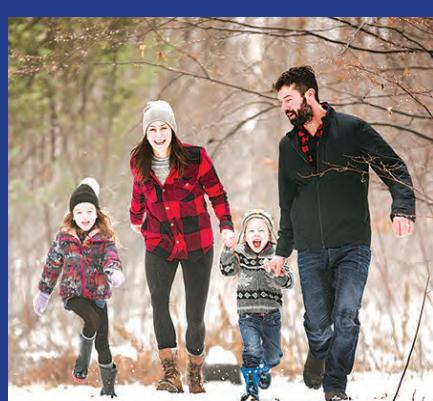
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Artwork for this year's Winterfest Buttons was designed by Kaydence L., a student at Hugh C. Williams Senior High School.

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River Outfitters, 45 Main Street, Nature's Storehouse, 21 Main Street, NBT Bank, 5 Park Place, Oot & Associates, 63 Main St., Palmer Realty, 29 Main St., Stadium Sports Bar, 35 Main St., St. Lawrence County Center for History and Culture, 3 E. Main St., Waste Not Perma, 5 1/2 Stevens St., White Silo at

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- 5:30 pm — SLU Women's Basketball vs RIT at SLU
- 6 pm — SLU Women's Hockey vs Quinnipiac University at Appleton Arena
- 7 pm — Screening of "Need to Grow" at Canton United Methodist Church
- 7 pm — SUNY Canton Women's Hockey vs Oswego State at Roos House
- 7:30 pm — SLU Men's Basketball vs RIT at SLU
- 7:30 pm — Canton Boys Varsity Hockey v. Potsdam

- 3 pm — SUNY Canton Women's Hockey vs Oswego State at Roos House
- 4 pm — SLU Men's Basketball vs Hobart College at SLU
- 5:30 pm — Winter Trivia Night at St. Mary's Church
- 7-8:20 pm — Free Open Skate at the Canton Pavilion, sponsored by County Seat Realty
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- 10 am - 1 pm — Cardboard Sled Races with Nature Up North at SUNY Canton
- 10 am - 4 pm — Valentine's Day Card Making at St. Lawrence County Center for History and Culture
- 1 pm - 4 pm — Little River Winterfest at Little River Community School
- 2 pm — SLU Women's Basketball vs William Smith College at SLU
- 3 pm — SLU Women's Hockey vs Princeton University at Appleton Arena

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

- 10 am - 4 pm — Valentine's Day Card Making at St. Lawrence County Center for History and Culture, 3 E. Main St.
- 5 pm - 7 pm — St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at 11 West, 6182 NYS Hwy. 11

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

- 10 am - 4 pm — Valentine's Day Card Making at St. Lawrence County Center for History and Culture, 3 E. Main St.

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- 7:30 pm — Canton Boys Varsity Hockey v. Ogdensburg Free Academy

THURSDAY, FEB. 13

- 10 am - 4 pm — Valentine's Day Card Making at St. Lawrence County Center for History and Culture, 3 E. Main St.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14

- 10 am - 4 pm — Valentine's Day Card Making at St. Lawrence County Center for History and Culture, 3 E. Main St.
- 5:30 pm — SLU Women's Basketball vs Ithaca College at SLU
- 5:30 pm — SUNY Canton Women's Basketball vs SUNY Potsdam at Roos House
- 6 pm — Valentine's Dinner & Comedy Event at Best Western University Inn
- 7-8:20 pm — Free Open Skate at the Canton Pavilion, sponsored by County Seat Realty
- 7 pm — SLU Men's Hockey vs Harvard University @ Appleton Arena
- 7 pm — SUNY Canton Men's Hockey vs SUNY Morrisville @ Roos House
- 7:30 pm — SLU Men's Basketball vs Ithaca College @ SLU
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SATURDAY, FEB. 15

- 10 am - 4pm — Valentine's Day Card Making at St. Lawrence County Center for History and Culture
- 1:30 pm — Canton Boys Varsity Hockey v. St. Lawrence Central
- 2 pm — SLU Women's Basketball vs Union College
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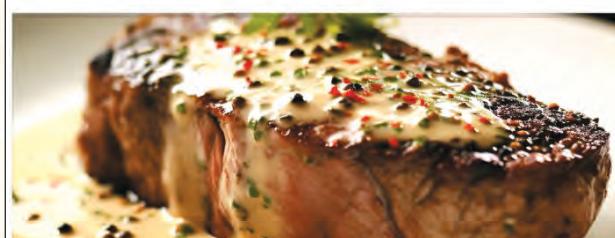
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VanWagner 'generational athlete' with Division I basketball potential

Potsdam sophomore breaks boys' Section X record

BY MATT LINDSEY

North Country This Week

POTSDAM – A historic milestone has been achieved for Potsdam Central High School sophomore Ian VanWagner, who has now etched his name into Section X basketball history.

On Jan. 30, Van Wagner surpassed the Section X Varsity Boys Basketball scoring record of 2,042 points, previously held by Chateaugay's Jonah McDonald since 2020. The lethal scorer, tallied 21 points in a victory over Ogdensburg Free Academy.

With the record now in his rearview mirror, VanWagner continues to build his legacy, and as of now, stands as one of the most prolific scorers in Section X history. The all-time Section X high school basketball scoring record is held by Missy West of Malone, who finished her career with 2,605 points in 1996.

"The boys' Section X scoring record is definitely special," VanWagner said. "There have been a lot of great players that have come through. I'm very blessed to have a lot of support around me and to be able to play the sport I love."

His teammates have been with him every step of the way, offering their support both on and off the court.

"My teammates are very supportive of all of this, and they're all great people and friends to be around," he said.

VanWagner, who stands 6 feet 2 inches tall, is taking the achievement in stride.

"I try to go into every game with the same mindset and just try to make the best plays for my team and try to get the win," he said.

Generational Athlete'

Potsdam Central boys' basketball coach Justin Todd has witnessed VanWagner's rise firsthand and recognizes the young star's work ethic and commitment.

VanWagner's success on the court has been years in the making. Todd has been involved in coaching VanWagner since youth basketball.

"I had many discussions with Ian's father about what I thought of Ian as a player, and how I thought he could make the jump to varsity as a seventh grader," he said.

"Ian's accomplishment is huge for our program," Todd added. "It is something that should be admired



he is taken care of and put in the best position for life after basketball. He's going to be the hardest worker in the room, whether in the classroom, the weight room, or on the court."

Todd said VanWagner understands that he needs to take care of his body, and is hitting the weights more.

A Family Affair

"I'm very blessed to have a lot of support around me and am able to play the sport I love," VanWagner said.

He credits his family for their unwavering support throughout his basketball journey.

"My family has been a huge support," he said. "Without them, I wouldn't be where I am today. My parents drive me almost every weekend in the spring and summer to Albany to play with the City Rocks, and they help me make the best decisions."

Aside from basketball, VanWagner also plays football in the fall and golf in the spring, a sport he's loved since childhood.

"Football season was a lot of fun this year, we had a good group of guys and a great team," he said. "And living on a golf course, golf is something I've always enjoyed and done since I was little."

Advice for Young Athletes

"I first started playing basketball at a very young age," VanWagner said. "I was always playing with older kids."

In preparation for a game, VanWagner usually eats a full meal, listens to music, and tries to get mentally prepared.

Being an athlete at his level can be demanding of time.

"I balance my time as a student-athlete by trying to manage my time and get schoolwork done early, before other things that are coming up," VanWagner said.

As he moves forward after setting the new Section X scoring record, VanWagner offers a simple message for younger athletes looking to follow in his footsteps:

"Work hard and grind at the sports and things that you love," he said.

With history already made, all eyes are on VanWagner as he continues to make his mark as one of Section X's greatest basketball players.

and respected by players of the past, and all players of the future. It shows that hard work and dedication can lead to success, and that you should always follow your dreams. Potsdam is very lucky to have Ian."

"Now, I know it is crazy to think about, but this is his fourth year of varsity basketball as only a sophomore. He is giving his teammates more and more advice and tips in practice and during games. It is definitely him maturing as a player. It has been fun to watch it all unfold."

While his leadership has grown, VanWagner's natural talent and work ethic continue to set him apart, Todd said.

"Ian is able to bail us out of some tough situations with his shot-making ability," Todd said. "Ian just has that something special. He truly is a generational athlete."

Despite his youth, Todd always believed VanWagner had the potential to achieve greatness.

"I knew there was potential for this when he started his journey as a seventh-grade varsity player," Todd said. "I didn't necessarily

on helping his team win while continuing to improve.

The star athlete is showcasing basketball maturity beyond his years, according to Coach Todd.

"He always takes what the defense gives him," Todd said. "He has seen most defenses out there, and we find a way to attack them. He is a two-way player, commonly guarding the other team's best player while shouldering a huge load for his own team."

This season, VanWagner has emerged as more than just a scoring threat.

"This season, he has been much more vocal as a leader," Todd said. "It's crazy to think, but as a sophomore, this is his fourth varsity season. He's giving his teammates more and more advice and tips in practice and during games. It has been fun to watch him mature as a player."

Coach Todd also believes VanWagner's future is bright, with the potential to play at the Division I level.

"Ceiling? Wow, that is a tough question with Ian still being so young. I think he can do whatever he puts his mind to," Todd said.

The coach said he truly believes VanWagner can play Division I basketball. "The question becomes, what is the best fit for Ian? A Syracuse? A Duke? Or would it mean a Siena or Albany? Wherever he ends up, I hope



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