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Brooklyn Gollinger, of Russell, won Most Colorful Sled for her 'Corgi on the Run' sled at the 7th Annual Cardboard Sled Races. The event was held at the SUNY Canton sledding hill Feb. 8, hosted by Nature Up North. See photos page 22.

Creative sledding in Canton

Corgi, helicopter and Sasquatch among unique designs

CANTON — Cardboard sleds, including designs of a corgi dog, helicopter and Sasquatch, were among the creations at the 7th annual Cardboard Sled Races.

The family-friendly races were held at the SUNY Canton sledding hill Saturday, Feb. 8, hosted by Nature Up North as part of Canton Winterfest.

The materials to make the sleds were limited to using cardboard, duct tape, recycled plastic bags, paint, and glue.

The winner of the sled that went the fastest was

Canton resident Josiah Davis, with his 'Efficiency' sled. Camron Reynolds, of Rensselaer Falls, won Most Creative Sled for his helicopter design, inspired by his grandfather, U.S. veteran.

Brooklyn Gollinger, of Russell, won Most Colorful Sled for her 'Corgi on the Run' sled. She has two corgi dogs at home.

Kellen Harrington, Canton, on his "Team Sasquatch" won Most North Country award. Samuel Ersek, Ogdensburg, won sturdiest sled.

Clarkson pauses retirement contributions

Says decision was necessary for financial stability long-term

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Clarkson employees won't receive employer retirement contributions for a year as part of a cost-saving measure implemented by the university.

Employees at Clarkson have been notified that the university will not be contributing to their retirement investment for the next year.

An emailed letter, from acting university board of trustees president Dave Heacock, was circulated a few days ago to college employees announcing the decision and why the college felt it is necessary.

The university's employer contribution to the employee's Defined Contribution Retirement Plan 403(b) will be halted starting March 2025 for 12 months, the letter said.

The president in the email said

that the move was a "necessary measure to ensure the long-term well-being of our university."

"Pausing the employer pension contribution for 12 months was a difficult decision," Heacock told North Country This Week in a separate statement.

"Any time we make a financial impact on people, it hurts," Heacock said.

"Our faculty and staff are the backbone of our institution. They are vital to the mission of providing a high quality education and experience to our students. In order to support their financial wellbeing as much as possible, take-home pay will not be impacted. By implementing this change now, we create flexibility across two fiscal years. This allows us to offer merit raises

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Debbie Morgan | NCTW

Celebrating 50 years

Long-time trail groomer, Ernie Rose of Pierrepont, checks out the new snow groomer with drag to be used on county snowmobile trails. The unit was on display at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the association held at Raquette Valley Fish & Game Club in South Colton. See story page 23.

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Mayor of Rensselaer Falls not seeking reelection

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

RENSELAER FALLS – When residents in the Village of Rensselaer Falls head to the polls in November, they won’t find Michael Hammond on the ballot for mayor. The five-term mayor has decided not to seek reelection, citing dedicating more time to his family and professional aspirations.

“After five rewarding terms as mayor of the Village of Rensselaer Falls, I have made the decision not to seek re-election this November. Serving our community has been both a privilege and a profound learning experience ... one that has deepened my appreciation for public service and reinforced my commitment to leadership,” stated Hammond.

Serving the public comes naturally for Hammond, who followed in the footsteps of his grandfather and mother.

“Public service has been a guiding principle in my life. My grandfather, a former mayor of Rensselaer Falls, and my mother, who dedicated many years as Canton’s town clerk, instilled in me the values of responsibility, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to community. Their example inspired me to serve, and I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to work alongside so many of you to strengthen our village,” Hammond continued.

Over his 10 years as mayor, significant improvements were made in the village with future projects in the works.

“Throughout my tenure, we have made meaningful progress together. From revitalizing our main street with new sidewalks and parking to ensuring our participation in the Canton Comprehensive Plan, we have laid a foundation for sustainable growth. Future projects, including enhancements to our village library and the development

of a community center, will continue to provide vital resources for residents,” said Hammond. “These accomplishments were made possible through collaboration—between village leadership, dedicated community members, and local, county, and state partners.

“One of the most fulfilling aspects of my time as mayor has been working with the highway departments, private contractors, and municipal leaders to bring improvements to our community. Navigating state reporting requirements, managing budgets, and advocating for our village at various levels of government have all reinforced my belief in the power of strong leadership and strategic planning.”

Hammond said his commitment to educating today’s youth, currently as a building principal in the Gouverneur Central School District, is the guiding force in his career.

“As I look ahead, my passion for leadership and education continues to grow. Having earned my School Building Leader (SBL) and School District Leader (SDL) certifications in New York State, I am eager to apply my experience to the broader field of educational leadership,” Hammond noted.

“While this decision allows me to dedicate more time to my family and professional aspirations, my commitment to public service remains unwavering. I look forward to continuing to contribute to our community in new ways, embracing opportunities that align with my passion for leadership and education.”

“Rensselaer Falls has a bright future, and I am confident that, together, we will continue to build a thriving, inclusive, and forward-thinking community. Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your mayor. It has been a privilege I will always cherish.”



Submitted

From left, Potsdam Police Chief Michael Ames, Mayor Alexandra Jacobs-Wilke, new Potsdam Police recruit Matthew Gollinger, and Lieutenant Corbin Gates-Schult pose at Gollinger’s swearing in ceremony Monday, Feb. 3.

Canton native joins Potsdam police

POTSDAM– Village police swore in their newest recruit Monday, Feb. 3.

Matthew Gollinger, of Canton, will serve as Potsdam Police’s newest officer, being sworn in Monday by village Mayor Alexandra Jacobs-Wilke.

Gollinger will attend the Law

Enforcement Training Institute Police Academy at SUNY Potsdam starting in March and begin his field training after graduation in July.

Officer Shawn Pulver was also recognized for his recent promotion to Police Officer 1st Class.

Since starting his law enforce-

ment career with Potsdam Police Department in 2019, Pulver has obtained certifications as a Field Training Officer, Drug Recognition Expert, and most recently a General Topics Instructor to begin sharing his knowledge and experience with new police officer recruits in the academy classroom.

State expands ‘Red Flag Laws’ to require courts to notify state database of filings

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

State lawmakers have taken action to strengthen the state’s Extreme Risk Protection Order law, also known as a “Red Flag Law” designed to keep firearms out of the hands of those who are a threat to themselves or others.

Governor Kathy Hochul said new legislation she signed into law that would require courts to notify the statewide registry of orders of protection and warrants when a judge issues an ERPO.

The law builds on legislation signed by Hochul in 2022 shortly after she assumed office.

It specifically revoked an individual’s right to own firearms if a temporary ERPO was issued by a court after being reported by people of designated professions.

The 2022 legislation adds more professions to the existing list of reporters who are eligible to file for an ERPO, including health care, mental health and school officials.

Prior to the new legislation, police officers, district attorneys, family or household members, as well as school administrators, teachers, guidance counselors, school psychologists, school nurses and coaches.

Family or household members under the law include people who are legally married or divorced, people with children in common, including adopted children, people related by marriage including in-laws, people related by blood like brothers, parents or cousins, unrelated people who live or have lived together for periods of time, as well as unrelated people in or were in an intimate relationship like same-sex couples and teens who are dating.

Critics of the laws say the ambiguity of the language allows for law enforcement to remove firearms from an individual’s home without due process, violating their 14th Amendment rights.

While an ERPO is meant to stop an individual from purchasing a firearm through a licensed dealer, critics also say the measures do not stop such individuals from purchasing illegal firearms.

Others argue that ERPOs save lives by allowing law enforcement to take immediate action when a potential threat has been reported.

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SLC legislators oppose DEC plan to end walleye stocking program

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON — Legislator David Forsythe is calling out the Department of Environmental Conservation over their decision to end a successful 40-year walleye stocking program that has proven crucial to increasing and stabilizing the population throughout the county.

The program operated for roughly 40 years thanks to the St. Lawrence Valley Sportsman's Club and the DEC who worked together to stock walleye in the Oswegatchie River.

In December, the DEC reported in a recent press release that because of that program, the walleye population has remained stable at higher levels for years now, in Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River.

Forsythe called into question the DEC's decision during the Feb. 10 Operations Committee meeting, noting he felt it was a short sighted decision.

"It really wasn't what I wanted to hear. What I garnished from the conversation was that it was not convenient for them. It's not a very good allocation of their resources, it's the only one they do in the state. There is no monetary contribution on their part...I just think it's unacceptable," Forsythe said.

Forsythe said he would like to see the program continue.

"We have put a tremendous amount of time and resources into our fisheries and promoting fishing on the St. Lawrence River," he said.

Forsythe said he was tired of seeing the county "receive crumbs" from the state and DEC.

"We want some meat behind this," he said.

Forsythe said he has sought assistance from state senators and assembly members, all of whom were supportive of continuing the program.

He said the volunteers who have operated the program for the last 40 years are also onboard and have a "renewed energy" about the program.

"They've seen a resurgence in their efforts," he said.

Forsythe commented that the number of volunteers has increased in recent years, giving him hope that northern pike and smallmouth bass may also be an option in the coming years.

Interest increased to the point that a former hatchery in Lisbon, dormant for many years, has been restarted. Funding will be the only hangup but Forsythe said the volunteers are "ready to roll."

"It always comes down to funding

'I think we just have to say enough is enough, we're tired of the crumbs'

David Forsythe
St. Lawrence County Legislator

and resources," Forsythe said.

He was also critical of DEC efforts to repopulate sturgeon in the St. Lawrence, a fish that he said cannot be fished by sportsmen and women.

Legislator Rita Curran noted that the sturgeon population was also stable and did not require intervention as walleye have for the last 40 years.

Forsythe took a moment to call into question DEC plans to potentially do away with a pheasant stocking program as well, something that has proven successful and popular among hunters throughout the county.

"I think we just have to say enough is enough, we're tired of the crumbs," he said.

In reference to the DEC presentation on Feb. 3, Legislator Harry Smithers questioned what a stable population looked like.

"Did they ever give us an answer on that? What is the definition of a stable population?" he said.

Forsythe agreed with Smithers' assessment that DEC officials gave "shaky information" at best, commenting that the number is "science based now" but no set formula or calculation was given on Feb. 3.

"Stable is all science based," he said.

Forsythe was critical of the choice to not involve Region 6 representatives, sportsmen and women, clubs or members of the restocking program to weigh in on the choice to end the program.

Legislator Nicole Terminelli also pointed to a lack of information from many DEC studies in recent years, commenting that the numbers presented are not necessarily true to the population of certain fisheries.

In the end, the resolution opposing the discontinuation of the stocking program passed unanimously.

Copies will also be sent to the DEC, as well as Senators Dan Stec and Mark Walczyk, along with Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush and Scott Gray.



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SLC Highway Department using grant for bridge replacement

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- The Tooley Pond Road bridge replacement project has received a big influx of funding thanks to a state grant.

According to county officials, the \$750,000 grant is a major catalyst for the project, which

requires a 20% contribution from the county.

The county will cover the contribution with machinery and labor for the local portion.

With the grant funding secured and approved, the legislature are advancing the project, making a commitment of 100% of the project,

The county Department of Highways will be submitting reimbursement requests to NBRC with administration by the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC).

Another budget modification was approved for machinery rental, equipment repairs, maintenance and overtime related to

projects stemming from flooding last year.

Officials say the Department of Highways budgets appropriation and revenue accounts to align with current and project operational needs.

Flood-related highway repairs, stemming from the Aug. 9 and 10 flooding last year, necessitated

the increased utilization of county-owned machinery, officials said.

Additional highway projects and repairs have led to increased overtime costs, expenses that are offset by reductions in other appropriation lines, officials said.

The modifications totaled \$391,000 to cover the expenses.

Troopers investigate fatal structure fire in Rossie

ROSSIE – State police are investigating a fatal structure fire that occurred early Feb. 8 on County Route 3.

At approximately 2:30 a.m., troopers responded to reports of a fully engulfed residence, officers said. Local fire departments arrived on the scene and successfully extinguished the blaze before entering the structure, where they discovered a deceased individual inside.

New York State fire investigators and the St. Lawrence County coroner were reportedly present at the scene. The coroner ordered the removal of the deceased, and an autopsy is scheduled for Feb. 11 at Canton-Potsdam Hospital. Forensic Pathologist Dr. Scott LaPoint will conduct the examination to determine the individual's identity and establish the cause and manner of death.

The investigation remains ongoing.

State police were assisted at the scene by personnel from New York State Fire, as well as fire departments from Oxbow, Brier Hill, Hammond, and Gouverneur Fire and Rescue.

MASSENA - Frederick A. Toomey, Sr., age 86, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at the University of Vermont Medical Center.

Fred was born in Potsdam, NY, on February 5, 1938, to Florence (Bradley) and Bernard Toomey.

Fred attended Canton Central School and graduated in 1954.

Fred worked on the family farm until he enlisted in the United States Army on May 16, 1956, until May 16, 1959, after the Army Fred worked for ALCOA for 35 years retiring in 2000.

Fred was survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Carole A. Toomey (Trombley). Together they had four sons, Frederick and wife, Erin, Michael and wife, MaryJane, Kevin and wife, LauraLee, and Aaron and wife, Dawn and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Fred is also survived by his sister, Patricia Dominie and a brother, James and wife, Carla Toomey both of Canton, NY.

Frederick A. Toomey Sr., 86 Massena

In addition to his parents, Fred was predeceased by his brothers, Paul and Bill Toomey.



Frederick Toomey

You could always find Fred with a Sunday New York Times crossword puzzle in his hands.

He carried it in his lunch pail and worked on it during his lunch every day.

He enjoyed the game show network and would be the first in the room to complete the Wheel of Fortune puzzle.

He had a vast knowledge of World War II and military history.

Many nights Fred could be found enjoying a bowl of black raspberry

ice cream or sipping on a glass of blackberry brandy.

He enjoyed his grape soda and a cold Busch light.

In the summers, Fred prepared his camp for the annual pig roast, where all his friends, neighbors and family would come and enjoy endless laughs and food.

Fred loved to putter around the house and camp, and could always be found making something in his woodshop or fixing something with duct tape or superglue.

Fred loved his time up at his and summer camp in South Colton and their yearly trip to Myrtle Beach.

Fred's pride and joy were his four sons and their families.

Fred and Carole celebrated their 50th anniversary by traveling to Hawaii, and spent many times traveling the country seeing all the places he loved, with the love of his life.

Fred had many accomplishments and was an active member of his community.

Fred was a member of Sacred Heart Church and an active vol-

unteer for the St. Vincent DePaul now better known as St. Peter's Outreach.

He was a volunteer driver for nearly 20 years for St. Lawrence County.

Rain or snow he would safely get families where they had to go.

The family will be having a calling hours at Sacred Heart Church on Friday, February 14, 2025, beginning 9:30am until the time of the Memorial Mass at 10:30 am with Rev. Lukas Gruber officiating.

The family asked to make any donations to St. Peter's Outreach; 128 Main Street, Massena, New York 13662 or Tri-Town Volunteer Rescue; P.O. Box 238, Brasher Falls, New York 13613.

There will be a Celebration of Life scheduled for at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Friends and family are encouraged to share memories, photos and condolence online, by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com

John R. Morley Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG - John R Morley of Ogdensburg, New York, passed away on Sunday February 2, in Vermont, after a short battle with Cancer.

John was a man of integrity, intelligence, hard work and compassion.

By no means a shy person, he was a quick-witted, entertaining storyteller, and would talk to everyone because "you never know what their story is."

He fought for social justice and was an expert debater.

John enjoyed meeting new people and was the life of the party.

He found happiness in traveling, appreciated a good beach day and above all else he loved his family.

He was the best grampa ever to his 7 grandchildren: Jacob, Abby, Jessica, Oakley, Glory, Mercy and Grace.

John had a way of making difficult situations seem manageable and the insurmountable feel small.

His sense of humor could cut through even the thickest tensions.

As we all feel a deep sense of loss, we remember one of Dad's famous quotes, "It'll be an adventure, you've never even done this before!"



John Morley

John is survived by his daughters, Jessica Morley and Gennifer Morley, his sister, Wendy Morley, and his brother, Steve Morley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anne (St.Louis) Morley, son, Mark Morley, his parents, Connie and Donald Morley, and his brother, Don Morley.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday February 23, 2025, from 12:30 to 4:30pm EST in the Reef Room at HULA, 50 Lakeside Ave., in Burlington, VT.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the McClure Miller Respite House.

Katherine J. "Kathy" Dziewisz Formerly of Massena

MASSENA - Katherine J. "Kathy" Dziewisz, of Braintree, passed away unexpectedly on January 26, 2025.

Kathy was born in Massena, NY, the daughter of the late Stephen and Katherine (Cotter) Dziewisz.

She graduated from Massena Central High School and then went on to receive her Bachelor and Masters Degrees from the State University of New York at Potsdam (Potsdam College).

For 34 years, Kathy taught first grade at the Liberty School in Braintree, MA.

Midway through her teaching career, Kathy took a leave a absence to accept a position at WGBH, the PBS affiliate in Boston.

She was the Viewer Services Coordinator for the How To Programming Department, which included shows like This Old House and the Victory Garden, and a production assistant for Holiday Entertaining with Martha Stewart, which was Martha Stewarts first television production.

Kathy is survived by her broth-

er, Stephen Dziewisz and his wife Julie of Thousand Island Park, NY and the Villages, FL, her nephew, Daniel Dziewisz (Kyrissa) of No. Syracuse, NY, a great nephew, Daniel, Jr., and a great niece, Lucy, as well as many cousins and friends.

At Kathy's request, all services and burial will be private.



Katherine Dziewisz

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made in Kathy's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Tunnels to Towers, The Wounded Warrior Project, or Marisa's Mission.

Arrangements under the care of the Cartwright-Venuti Funeral Home, Braintree.

To leave a sympathy message for the family, visit www.cartwrightfuneral.com.

Hyla M. Woodruff, 63 Potsdam

SHE enjoyed motorcycling, raising money for charities, gardening and canning the rewards of her garden.

She also had a great passion for the arts and music, crafting, and was always doodling on some project.

Hyla is survived by her husband, Robert; her children, Tammy-Sue Whitney of Heuvelton, Christopher Whitney of Arizona, and Makyla



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Jane Elizabeth Bentz Atesoglu, 80

Potsdam

POTSDAM - Jane Elizabeth Bentz Atesoglu, age 80, passed away peacefully on January 22, 2025, in Venice, FL.

She grew up in Morrisville, PA and Surf City, Long Beach Island, NJ, living the majority of her adult life in Potsdam, NY until her retirement when she spent the colder months of the year in Venice.

Jane had a special presence and brought a sense of peace to those around her; she was truly loved by all.

She had a quiet kindness that people were drawn to, and she was happiest spending time surrounded by family.

As a child, Jane lived in Morrisville and graduated from Bishop Egan High School. Her summers were spent in Surf City with her family, where she recalled happy memories of scooping ice cream at the Ship’s Wheel, sailing with her friends, and swimming in the ocean.

She earned her undergraduate degree from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, and her Master’s in Teaching from the University of Pittsburgh.

In college, Jane explored Europe on a backpacking adventure. For two months she navigated all over Europe, including London, Mainland Europe, Greece, and Croatia.

Upon graduating, Jane took a job as a teacher in Pittsburgh, PA. While in Pittsburgh, she met her husband, Sonmez. The couple moved to Turkey and during this time Jane taught English at a university in Ankara.

When Sonmez was offered a job at the International Monetary Fund

in Washington, D.C, the family moved back to the United States and ultimately settled in Potsdam.



Jane Atesoglu

Jane was a very hands-on stay at home mother, sharing her love of reading, sewing, baking, and gardening with her children.

As the children got older, she decided to pursue her dream of studying medicine and became a Registered Nurse (RN). Jane then worked as a RN and in administration at MedLink of Northern NY until her retirement.

Jane was always excited to try new things and learn, whether it was music, travel, or exploring new activities.

The sounds of Jane’s piano playing echoed throughout the house and after retirement, Jane took up clarinet and played with the Crane School of Music adult band.

While Sonmez was on a yearlong sabbatical leave from Clarkson University in the 1980s, the family lived in Germany, where Jane organized many trips across Europe.

Years later, Jane and Sonmez spent a sabbatical in San Diego, where she continued to seek out new experiences.

In her thirties, she took ice skat-

ing lessons alongside her daughters and taught them how to cross country ski.

She was always on the move, whether she was hiking, dancing, playing Mahjong, or attending a local play or concert.

Daughter of the late Francis J. and Mary (Cooley) Bentz and sister of the late John C. Bentz and Mary Bentz Stratton, she is survived by her husband of 55 years, H. Sonmez Atesoglu, her four daughters and their husbands: Aylin and Luke Mazurak of Grand Junction, CO, Suzan and Michael Brassard of New Paltz, NY, Felice and Jonathan Russell of West Hartford, CT, Denise and Charlie Burckmyer of Marblehead, MA, as well as brother and sister-in-law, Francis J. Jr. and Mary Jane Bentz of Waleska, GA, and two sisters and one brother-in-law: Eileen and Alan Schuetz of High Bridge, NJ, and Anne Maco of Flemington, NJ. Jane also leaves behind her eleven beloved grandchildren that lovingly referred to her as Mimi and Grandma Jane: Joshua, Sophie, Ella, Samantha, Amelia, Chloe, Beckett, Alice, Miles, Larsen, and Calvin.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on May 30th at 10:00 in St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Potsdam with Rev. Joseph Giroux, celebrating.

Burial will follow in Bayside Cemetery, Potsdam.

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.

Irene “Tuddy” Holland, 88

Waddington

WADDINGTON - Irene “Tuddy” Holland, age 88, passed away peacefully on Tuesday January 28, 2025, at Helen Porter Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in Middlebury, VT.

She was born on June 17th, 1936, and lived most of her life in St. Lawrence County, NY.

Tuddy worked at the St. Lawrence University snack bar and was a cook at the Canton Central School, where she reminisced on many years of laughter and hard work.

She grew up on a small farm in Lisbon with her parents, Maurice and Arene LaRock, where she was a middle sibling to a family of seven sisters and four brothers.

Tuddy was the loving and supportive wife to her husband and life partner, Oakley Holland.

They shared sixty-three years together living in Canton, Rensselaer Falls, Pierrepont, Waddington and then Brasher Falls before Oakley passed away in 2021.

Many stories, cups of hot coffee and jokes were shared around the campfire with family and friends at their favorite slice of Heaven, Deer River Campsite. There, Tuddy would walk the campground paths, smiling and waving to everyone she saw, while waiting for her husband to return home with a good fishing tale.

She loved to spend her day laughing and visiting with lifelong friends at the campground.

In her free time, Tuddy could be found spending time with her family, hiding from the camera or taking in the quiet beauty of animals and nature around her.

She loved to play bingo and card games, listen to some good toe-tapping music, eat maple butter with a spoon and make others laugh.

Tuddy fought a courageous battle against Alzheimer’s, yet her humor and love of a good joke never strayed far, even in her final years.

Many thanks go out to the incredible nurses at Elderwood and Helen Porter who showed not only deep care but also friendship to

Tuddy.

Tuddy is survived by her daughter, Michele and her husband, Randall Fleming; daughter, Marcia and her husband, Wray Johnson; son, Michael Holland; grandchildren, Dustin, Erica, Emily and Christine; three great-grandchildren, Emmett, Lleyton and Kannon; her sisters, Barb Goult and Pauline Wing, and many extended family members and friends.

She is predeceased by her husband, Oakley Holland; sisters, Kay, Dorothy, Rachel, Florence and Beverly; brothers, Junior, Leon, Wesley and Paul and many wonderful friends and extended family members.

She will be missed dearly, and we can all share a smile knowing if she was here, there would be music, laughter and only happy tears.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Phillips Memorial Home in Massena, NY.

There will be no services at this time. Burial to take place at the convenience of the family in Pierrepont Hill Cemetery.

We welcome friends and family to share their condolences and favorite stories and memories of Tuddy online, by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com



Irene Holland

Stanley James (Stan) Smith, 73

Potsdam

POTSDAM -- Stanley James (Stan) Smith, age 73, died unexpectedly in his home on Monday, January 13, 2025.

He was born and raised in Potsdam, N.Y. to Yvette Smith and the late Aras Smith.

Stan found his identity and greatest satisfaction in life as an athlete, then as a father.

Those loves were intertwined throughout his adult life as he watched, cheered, coached, and contributed to the athletic endeavors of his children, stepchildren, and grandchildren.

He was a lifelong golfer and, most recently, played pickleball several times a week.

He loved Sunday afternoon football and hosting an annual Super-bowl party.

Stan was compassionate to the suffering of others and generous to those in need.



Stanley Smith

He sought to meet financial needs for family and friends when he could.

He volunteered in his home church of Delmar Full Gospel, with the Lion’s Club, as an EMT, and at the Capital District Rescue Mission.

He’d want to be remembered for his wit and sense of humor.

He was predeceased by his father, Aras and the love of his life, Susan MacMillan.

He is survived by his mother, Yvette; brothers, Brian (Natalya), and Clark (Sharon); sisters, Carol, Joanne (Dane), Kate (Gary), Jacqui and Susie; his children, Kristie (Damon), Katie (Oscar) and Joshua (Kim); their mother, Lynne Murray Smith; grandchildren, Gabriel, Emilia, Mollie, Adeline, Nathan, Kaleb, Sophie, Evan, and Connor; Susan’s children, Sydney (Chaz), Taylor, Kyle and Hayden MacMillan.

He has many friends and colleagues who will miss him, especially Rachel, a dear friend and companion.

His family finds comfort in knowing he’d made peace with his faith in his last days.

Harold J. Exware, 90

Parishville

PARISHVILLE- Harold J. Exware, 90, of 601 State Highway 72, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, January 25, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Harold was born on March 15, 1934, in Amsterdam, NY, son of the late David and Hazel (St. Amour) Exware.

He attended schools in Tupper Lake until he went to work at the age of 16.

On June 25, 1955, he married Dorothy Jock, with whom he was blessed with five children.

Dorothy predeceased him on January 25, 2006.

He then married Donna Peln Benware on July 25, 2008, at the family home with his son-in-law, Scott Daby officiating.

He was a strong man of faith, and a long-time member of the New Hope Community Church in Potsdam.

Over the years, Harold belonged to various hunting clubs and was also a member of the Parishville 4-Wheeler Club.

Harold worked at many jobs and mills, but most notably the Potsdam Paper Mill, retiring in 1992 as a Shift Foreman.

An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed his time in the woods and camping.

He was a fisherman, a hunter and a crack shot; he never missed.

Most of all he loved spending time with his family, children and grandchildren.

Harold is survived by his wife, Donna; his five children, Jody (Scott) Daby, Julie (Ward) Rem-

ington, David Exware, Daryl (Patty) Exware and Jill (Bob) Ludlam; 23 grandchildren; and 34 great grandchildren.

He is also survived by his sisters, Mary Jane Colvin, Alice LaFlamme and Brenda Hoffman; and his brothers, Donald, Ronald and Fred Exware; along with many nieces,

nephews and cousins.

Besides his parents, David and Hazel, and wife Dorothy, Harold was also predeceased by his sisters, Thelma Santerre, Janet Baker, Rita Corrow, Patricia Well-speak, and Cecile Lavoie; and his brothers, Herman, Eugene, Roger and Francis Exware.

A Celebration of Life was held at New Hope Community Church on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 11:00 AM with Pastor Aaron Reardon officiating.

Burial will take place at a later date at Chapel Hill Cemetery, Parishville.

Memorial donations may be made in Harold’s memory to the New Hope Community Church.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home where friends and family are encouraged to share memories and condolences online at www.donaldsonseymour.com



Harold Exware

RECENT DEATHS

JANE ATESOGLU, 80, Potsdam, Jan. 22. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

HAROLD EXWARE, 90, Parshville, Jan. 25. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

MICHAEL O’DONNELL SR., 73, DeKalb Junction, Jan. 31. Arrangements with Allen-Denesha Funeral Home, DeKalb Junction.

GENE ALDOUS, Pierrepont, Feb. 2. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

ALFRED BROWN, 85, Gouverneur, Feb. 3. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

DUANE KIRKEY, 73, Potsdam, Feb. 3. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norwood.

CLAIRE CASEY, 88, Gouverneur,

Feb. 4. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

JOAN BAILEY, 88, Norfolk, Feb. 5. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norfolk.

MARYLOU CARVEL, 70, DeKalb Junction, Feb. 6. Arrangements with Allen-Denesha Funeral Home, DeKalb Junction.

ROBERT WILLIAMS, 89, Stockholm, Feb. 7. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norwood.

FREDERICK AMO, 86, Hermon, Feb. 8. Arrangements with O’Leary Funeral Service, Canton.

TRACY SHIPPEE, 60, formerly of Richville, Feb. 8. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

MARGARET FELIX, 89, formerly of Gouverneur, Feb. 9. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

PENNEY PATTON, 71, Gouverneur, Feb. 9. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

HYLA WOODRUFF, 63, Potsdam, Feb. 9. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

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OBITUARIES

Diana (Kosmicki) Avery, 62
Massena

MASSENA - Diana (Kosmicki) Avery, devoted grandmother, loving mother, caring sister and aunt, passed away on January 28, 2025. She was 62 years old.

Diana was born in Malone, NY on July 6, 1962; to the late Helen J. Kosmicki, and was a lifelong resident of the North Country.

She attended Malone schools and received her GED in 1979. She then attended NCCC in Malone, NY where she received an Associate Degree in Legal Secretarial Science in 1992.

As a teen she worked at the local Dairy Queen, where everyone referred to her as “D”.

With her degree, she worked at the Thomas LaRoque Law Firm and the Public Defender’s office.

For the past 27 years, Diana was employed by the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino as their Chief Telecommunication Administrator.

Diana was a loving mother to Joseph, Anthony and Thomas Bowen beginning in 1982.

Diana was a devoted grandmother to Tyler Bowen, Joshuha Bowen, Eli Bowen, Beni Keton Jivan Bowen, and Karmen Bowen.

She was a caring sister to Linda Chen, and a devoted aunt to Harrison Jung-Chen.

She later became a step-grandmother to Sheridan McLean, Tregan Blaise, Elizabeth Blaise, and Abigail Bunnell.

Diana had a variety of interests; BINGO, cooking, collecting cookbooks and Gordan Ramsay.

She enjoyed gardening especially roses and she longed to travel to the Hawaiian Islands.

She recently attended a Donny

Osmond Concert which was her longtime dream. She enjoyed being home with her family the most.

Diana, her son Thomas Bowen, grandchildren, Joshuha, Eli and Karmen Bowen and her Daughter-in-law, Tiara Bowen, tragically passed away in the house that they made their home.

Diana is predeceased by her mother Helen Kosmicki. She is survived by her sons; Joseph (Zachary) Bowen of Brasher Falls, Anthony (Samantha) Bowen of Plattsburgh, NY, her sister Linda (Ronald) Chen of Albany, NY, her nephew Harrison (Jihyeon) Jung-Chen of Connecticut and her remaining grandchildren.

Diana was a proud member of the Akwesasne Mohawk Tribe, and she will be missed greatly by family, adoptive family and her many friends.

The family will be holding joint calling hours at the Emanuel Congregational Church located at 39 W. Orvis Street in Massena, NY on Friday February 7, 2025, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Memorial contributions may be shared with the family through Phillips Memorial Home, by clicking the white donate button, by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com

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



Diana Avery

Harry “Butch” Caringi Jr., 81
Parishville

PARISHVILLE -- It’s with great sadness that we announce the passing of Harry “Butch” Caringi Jr. 81 of Parishville on January 29th, 2025.

Butch was born on June 28, 1943, in Potsdam to Harry Caringi Sr and Lucielle (Waite) Caringi.

Arrangements are under the care of the Garner Funeral Service.

Butch graduated from Parishville High School in 1961. After graduation Butch enlisted in the United States Coast Guard. Serving on several bases throughout the United States.

Butch married the love of his life Judith “Judy” Planty in 1965 at the Baptist Church in Parishville.

After his enlistment he took a job as a Deputy Sheriff with the St. Lawrence County Sheriff’s Office and retired after 25 years with the Office. After retirement Butch took a position as the caretaker of the Sylvan Falls Club in Parishville for thirteen years.

Butch is survived by his wife, Judy; two daughters, Lorie Wells, Teri Caringi and companion, Terry Green, his son, Tom and his companion, Mary Wright; grandchildren, Matt & Lindsay (Caringi) Dishaw, Justin & companion, Rochelle

White, Joedi Foster, Nathan Wells, James Wells, Alexandra Caringi, Sean Caringi, Patrick Caringi, Jay Zenger, and Journee Zenger; ten great-grandchildren; a brother, Ben Caringi, and several nieces.

Butch enjoyed being in the woods hunting and fishing. His other hobbies included Hamm

Radio, RC airplanes and riding his motorcycle.

Butch was a past member of both Parishville rescue and fire department. Butch was an active member of the Legion Riders Norfolk, Amvets 265 and American Legion 925.

Butch was predeceased by his parents, Harry, Lucielle; his brothers, William and Roy “Buzz” Caringi.

There will be no calling hours per his request. There will be a celebration of life later this year.

Condolences for the Caringi family can be shared at www.garnerfh.com.



Harry Caringi Jr.

Thomas Issac Bowen, 38
Massena

Thomas enjoyed football, cooking, camping, laughing and visiting with family and friends.

Thomas began his family with his wife, and soul mate, Tiara “T” Bowen as they embraced their first born Joshuha Michael Bowen into their lives, with two more children blessing their little family, Eli Lee and Karmen Alexander Bowen.

Thomas was well known for his passionate way of life and the love for his family and his friends.

Thomas and his family including his mother, Diana Avery, wife, Tiara Bowen and children, Joshuha, Eli and Karmen Bowen tragically passed away in the house that was their home.

Thomas is predeceased by his



Thomas Bowen

Tiara M. Bowen, 33
Massena

as I. “Tommy” Bowen and they embraced their first born Joshuha Michael Bowen into their lives.

While raising her family, Tiara was a stay-at-home mom that cared and nurtured her growing family, with two more children blessing their little family, Eli Lee and Karmen Alexander Bowen.

Tiara was always levelheaded, and family oriented, a much-grounded wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend.

Tiara and her family including



Tiara Bowen

MASSENA - Thomas Issac Bowen, devoted husband, loving father, and caring brother and son, passed away untimely on January 28, 2025. He was 38 years old.

Thomas Issac Bowen, known to his family and friends as “Tommy Pickles” was born to Diana (Kosmicki) Avery and Dale Bowen on January 1, 1987, in Malone, New York.

He attended schools in Malone Central and Brushton-Moira Central School Districts.

Thomas started his passionate career as a cook in Massena, New York with Kentucky Fried Chicken.

He later went on to cook at McDonald’s, Wendy’s, Spanky’s restaurant and most recently the Highland Family Restaurant.

Thomas also worked at North Country Bitcoin and worked as a handyman for other friends and family.

Thomas was a jack-of-all-trades and always gave a helping hand.

MASSENA - Tiara M. Bowen, devoted wife, loving mother, caring sister and daughter passed away untimely on January 28, 2025. She was 33 years old.

Tiara Marie Bowen, also known to her family and close friends as “T” was born to Joseph Hence and April DeRonde on October 26, 1991, in Massena, NY.

She attended several schools while younger including, Brushston-Moira, Jefferson, Madison, Twin Rivers and Massena Central Junior High and Massena Central High School.

After her education, Tiara stated her studies of becoming a CNA while working at the Highland Nursing Home in Massena.

She began her family with her husband, and soul mate, Thom-

Joshuha Michael (13), Eli Lee (8), & Karmen Alexander (6) Bowen
Massena

MASSENA -- Joshuha Michael, Eli Lee, and Karmen Alexander Bowen, “The Bowen Boys” passed away untimely on January 28, 2025.

Joshuha Michael Bowen, age, 13, was born on March 25, 2011, to Thomas and Tiara Bowen in Massena Hospital.

Joshuha attended Massena Central School with his many friends. Joshuha was known as the “Mini Tommy” and enjoyed football, basketball, cooking, and spending time with his family and friends.



Joshuha Bowen

was a member of the PAL program through the Massena Police Department.

He spent the majority of his time playing video games and spending time with his family and friends.

Karmen Alexander Bowen, age 6, was born on August 24, 2018, to Thomas and Tiara Bowen in Massena Hospital.

Karmen attended Massena Central School with his many friends. Karmen was known as the angelic baby for the dimples that were on his face.

Karmen enjoyed arts and crafts. His many arts and creations were given to many family members to be cherished.

He enjoyed spending his time playing video games, YouTube, and enjoying time with his family and friends.

The Bowen family enjoyed camping, swimming, fishing, grilling and of course eating a hot dog or burger.

The Bowen Family used food as a gateway for open conversation, laughing and family memories.



Eli Bowen

grandmother, Helen J. Komicki and his grandfather, Donald J Bowen.

Thomas is survived by his Father, Dale Bowen of Moira, his brothers, Joseph (Zachery Bunnell) Bowen of Brasher Falls, Anthony (Samantha) Bowen of Plattsburgh New York, his grandmother, Virginia Bowen of Moira, NY, His Aunts, Linda (Ronald) Chen of Albany, Donna Bowen of Bombay, Darlene (Kenneth Ryan) Bowen of Skerry, NY, Pamela Bowen of Monistia, Penny (Bryan) Chapman pf Churubusco, NY, and Sherry (Anthony Riley) Bowen of Bangor, NY. His longest living friend, Susan McGregor of Massena, NY along with nieces and nephews and his many cousins.

The family will be holding calling hours at the Emanuel Congregational Church on Friday, February 7, 2025, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Family and friends are welcome to share condolences, photos and memories of Thomas by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

her mother-in law, Diana Avery, Husband Thomas Bowen and children, Joshuha, Eli and Karmen Bowen tragically passed away in the house that they made a home.

Tiara is survived by her mother, April DeRonde of Syracuse, NY, her father, Joseph Hence and wife, Athena of Massena, NY, with a sister, Tiffani Hence, along with her nieces and nephews, Dante Dow and Aliyssa Hence both of Canton, NY.

The Bowen and Avery family will be holding calling hours at the Emanuel Congregational Church on Friday; February 7, 2025, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Family and friends are welcome to share condolences, photos and memories of Tiara by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.



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Empire State Mines explores new mineral riches in SLC

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County is open for business and legislators are hoping a new exclusive option for the lease of county-owner mineral rights could be an economic boon. Legislators recently signed off on a resolution to transfer a lease, as well as the exclusive option for the lease of county-owner mineral rights to Empire State Mines, LLC. The firm currently operates Empire State Mine in the county, where 61 million payable pounds of zinc were mined in 2023, with a similar amount expected in 2024 as well.

Now Empire State is hoping to expand operations further, working with the county on 112 parcels to determine just what is there. According to County Attorney Steve Button, those 112 parcels would either be subject to an option or lease but would not be sold to Empire State. "The county only has possession of the actual mineral rights of those properties," he said. As part of the agreement in place, the county is currently responsible for taxes on those mineral rights to the tune of \$44,000 each year. Legislator Larry Denesha said he hoped the option or lease with Empire State could alleviate that financial burden on the county. "Worst case, we walk out with a detailed report that tells us exactly

what is there," Button said. But if all goes according to plan, Empire State may set up shop to mine another deep vein of zinc that could lead to a long-term investment in the county. Before that can happen, however, they need to determine what is underground. Button said as part of the agreement, the county retains all mineral rights to the parcels and will receive a comprehensive report detailing what is on each parcel. In the event there is mineable material there, an agreement would be worked out with Empire State to establish mines in the areas around the towns of Edwards, Clare, Fine, Fowler, Pitcairn, Hammond,

Macomb, Rossie and Gouverneur potentially. If all goes according to plan, mines would be established and employment numbers would increase in the southern portion of the county. Just how many jobs could be created is unknown at this time. Empire State would commit to maintaining employment at the facility with the expectation of greater expansion, should sufficient mineral deposits be located and new jobs created relating to the exploration, development and mining of the parcels would be created with first priority for hiring given to St. Lawrence County residents who are qualified for an apply for such jobs,

legislators said. Legislator Jim Reagen said he was "very excited" about the prospects of the operation, saying it would be an economic boost for the county. He said he felt it was important for Empire State to research the mineral deposits in the county, noting that St. Lawrence County has one of the most "historically rich deposits" in the state. He also said it is important to extend the life of Empire State as they continue to invest in the county and its residents by creating numerous high paying jobs. "The mine they are currently operating will eventually run out. That particular chunk of zinc that is buried there will be tapped out,"

he said of Empire State's current operation. "They have already found other veins and they want to continue exploring in finding additional mining opportunities," he continued. The 112 parcels in question represent that opportunity, one Reagen said he is keen to act on. "It's in the best interest of St. Lawrence County to have multiple mining operations in the county, to find and extract important minerals (as mining comes back to the U.S.)," Reagen said. He said it was his hope that Empire State would find "a large vein of zinc" in their research, leading to a long-term, sustainable mine in the near future.

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Gendebien gets heat for decade-old comments about workforce

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

LISBON – Immediately after securing the Democratic party’s support to run in the NY-21st Congressional District special election, Lisbon farmer Blake Gendebien is coming under fire for comments he made in a 2013 interview with the Traditional Arts in Upstate New York (TAUNY).

Gendebien, though, says the fact Republicans are using a 12-year old interview as ammunition shows they see him as a serious threat.

The seat isn’t open yet, as it’s still held by Rep. Elise Stefanik who is expected to vacate it once she officially takes on the role of U.N. Ambassador in President Donald Trump’s cabinet.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, Democratic chairs in the NY-21 Congressional District announced they had chosen Gendebien as their candidate.

Minutes after the announcement, Gendebien came under fire for the decade-old TAUNY interview which was done as part of a series about the struggles of North Country farmers.

Gendebien said his campaign’s already raised more than \$1 mil-

lion in donations. He was criticized recently by Republicans for comments he made in a 2013 interview, which was on the Library of Congress website, but appears to have been removed within the past week.

Sources say that the Library of Congress removed following a request from the author, but North Country This Week was not able to confirm that as of press-time.

Gendebien’s campaign manager Emily Goldson provided the following statement from Gendebien’s campaign regarding Gov. Kathy Hochul’s plan to delay the election until November.

“I’m confident we’ll win whenever Election Day is because voters are looking for a change. Albany and Washington need to spend less time playing games, and more time cutting costs and securing the border. The North Country needs representation ASAP and deserves better than our current broken system. It’s time to send a farmer to fix it.”

Goldson did not provide a response as to whether Gendebien supported Hochul’s election or if there was any information available about the removal of the controversial interview.

Under fire for interview

In the interview, Gendebien discusses his farm and community, painting an unsavory picture of the area’s workforce, which Republicans have been quick to call out.

Gendebein says corrections officers “don’t have much self-worth,” and says Hispanic workers are better workers than local kids because they “don’t have practical independence and an ability to think and the knowledge these guys do.”

He also says that his Hispanic employees work 12-hour days 6.5 days per week and that it would take six local workers to replace just three of them.

He says that he is not obligated to check their legal status and recounts a time when he paid \$10,000 to bail out one of his employees who was apprehended by border agents.

Gendebien says that the local workforce is lacking and that those that are available come with baggage like domestic abuse issues and custody battles.

Among those criticizing Gendebien are State Republican Party Chair Ed Cox and Stefanik.

Gendebein said that while he agrees he could have worded things better the reality is the interview with TAUNY was given by a tired farmer and a frustrated business owner,, not a politician.

“I’m not a politician, I was a tired farmer and I spoke plainly,” he said.

Although he’s not proud of his past statements he says he wears

the attacks from the GOP as a badge of honor, because they know he’s a candidate that can win the election.

“It means this is going to be a race and I can win and I can represent this entire district better than anyone else ever has,” he said. “I’m going to win this race. I’m laser focused on the issues and they are digging up 15 years old interviews that nobody cares about. What people care about is what’s going to make their lives better and I will genuinely work for everyone in the district to make that happen.”

In regard to specific criticisms levied at him regarding his comments about correction’s officers not having self worth, he said what he really intended to convey was that the job is difficult and taxing and that many of the officers take on second jobs doing things that are more enjoyable and fulfilling.

“My point is they bring a lot of value to the North Country,” he said.

Gendebien said many corrections officers are his friends and neighbors and that the idea he holds them in ill regard is simply off base.

“The issues that I’m really tired of are rich D.C. show horses prancing around with 15 year old interviews rather than talking about the real issues,” he said.

Gendebien was also criticized for characterizing the local workforce as domestic abusers with alcohol problems.

“Obviously I don’t think every employee available in the north

country has domestic problems and an alcohol problem,” he said.

Gendebien said that his point was that good help can be hard to find and he believes that remains true.

“Talk to anyone in the North Country that is self-employed... They all know how hard it is to find a quality workforce,” he said.

Gendebien said that interview was intended to paint the picture of a small farmer and he was glad to have the opportunity to be part of it, but he says it’s being used out of context as a political device.

“To have the struggles of a small business person 15 years ago brought up is an indication of how desperate they are,” he said.

Gendebien also addressed the fact that one of the employees was apprehended after he was discovered to have entered the country illegally.

“Like most farmers in the U.S. we are navigating a broken immigration system,” he said.

“I’ve always followed the rules. Like many farmers I turned out to have an employee that was here illegally.”

Gendebien said when it occurred he worked with officials to navigate the process.

He said that the reality is that reforms are needed to ensure farmers have access to a dependable legal immigration system that can provide a needed labor force. He said the way to make that happen begins with farmers being at the table.

Madrid man indicted for breaking into home, threatening police officer with knife

CANTON – A Madrid man who allegedly broke into a City of Ogdensburg residence with the intent to commit a crime then brandished a knife when police arrived was indicted on numerous charges Thursday, Feb. 6, by a St. Lawrence County grand jury.

Stanley Greer, 59, of 44 County Route 31, was indicted on two counts of second-degree attempted burglary, menacing a police officer, two counts of menacing, and two counts of criminal possession of a weapon.

It is alleged that on Nov. 6, Greer unlawfully entered a building and placed a police officer in danger by displaying a knife in the course of the officer performing his duties.

In other grand jury action: Andrew Dale, 30, of 32 Howard St., Gouverneur, was indicted for second-degree strangulation and second-degree harassment. It is alleged that on Sept. 15 in the Town of Fowler, Dale applied pressure on the throat or neck of a person causing physical injury. The harassment charge stems from Dale allegedly striking, shoving

or kicking that person.

Dustin Browning, 39 of 5 Isabel St., Massena, was indicted for third-degree burglary and third-degree grand larceny. Court documents report that on or about Aug. 1 in the Village of Massena, Browning unlawfully entered a building and stole property exceeding \$3,000 in value. It was also noted that Browning was convicted on a Class D felony charge of third-degree burglary on July 12, 2012 in St. Lawrence County Supreme Court and if convicted is subject to being sentenced as a second felony offender.

Tabitha New, 36, of 15 Johnson St., Gouverneur, was indicted for second-degree attempted assault, third-degree assault, second-degree menacing, and two counts of endangering the welfare of a child. It is alleged that on Aug. 9 in the Town of Gouverneur, she attempted to cause injury to a person by means of a deadly weapon or instrument. It is also noted that New acted in a manner likely to be injurious to a child less than 17 years old.

Kody Larock, 28, an inmate in the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility was indicted for fourth-degree grand larceny and two counts of second-degree robbery. It is alleged that on or about Nov. 9 in the Town of Potsdam, Larock did forcibly steal property exceeding \$1,000 in value aided by another person while displaying what appeared to be a firearm.

Jesse Premo, 31, of Saranac Lake, was indicted for second-degree stalking, third-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, one count each of first and second-degree criminal contempt and four counts of endangering the welfare of a child. It is alleged that on or about Aug. 20 in the Town of Potsdam, Premo damaged property of another person exceeding \$250 in value while displaying what appeared to be a firearm.

It is also alleged Premo was in possession of an imitation pistol or undetectable knife. Premo also acted in a dangerous manner toward a child less than 17 years old.

Road repairs approved

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The town has selected roads for its 2025 maintenance schedule and how much of its \$426,901.48 in state highway aid it will spend on each.

The town board approved the following roads and amounts to be spent:

- Sykes Road starting at the Pollock Road and leading to CR 14, a distance of 1,400 feet, up to \$30,940;
- Douglas Road starting at the Italian Road and leading to the Rutherford Road a distance of 5,280 feet, not more than

\$124,400;

- Austin Ridge Road starting at Railroad Road and leading to McGinnis residence, a distance of 1,500 feet, up to \$26,499.48;
- Sayles Road starting at Parishville Town Line and leading to the Wheeler Road, a distance of 1,800 feet, up to \$44,880;
- Root Road starting at Sweeney Road Ext. and leading to South Canton Road a distance of 4,800 feet there shall be expended not over the sum of \$109,200;
- Anderson Road starting at Sweeney Road and leading to South Canton Road, a distance of 4,000 feet there shall be expended not over the sum of \$91,000.

TOWN OF PARISHVILLE LOCAL LAW
LEGAL NOTICE

A. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Public Hearing on the adoption of Local Law 01-2025 for the Town of Parishville entitled “Temporary Solar Moratorium”, on certain Types of BESS (Battery Energy Storage Systems) and/or Solar Energy Uses in the Town of Parishville, St. Lawrence County, New York. This hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 5 PM at the Parishville Town Hall located at 1772 State Highway 72, Parishville, New York.
By order of the Town Board of Parishville, NY.
Dated February 07, 2025
Connie Maguire
Parishville Town Clerk

TOWN OF PARISHVILLE
Local Law 01-2025
SOLAR MORATORIUM

1. PURPOSE AND INTENT

B. This Local Law shall be known as “Local Law Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on certain Types of BESS (Battery Energy Storage Systems) and/or Solar Energy Uses.”
C. The purpose of this Local Law is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Parishville and to maintain the status quo as to certain BESS and/or solar energy uses, as the present regulations in the Town do not adequately address this type of use. The Moratorium will stop the processing of applications for and the issuance of any permits, certificates of occupancy, and approvals for certain land uses relating to BESS and/or solar energy, including, but not limited to, BESS and/or solar farms. The Moratorium is for a period of six (6) months, allowing the Town Board and Town Planning Board time to analyze and determine potential appropriate regulations concerning this use.

2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

A. The Town of Parishville Town Board does hereby find that without a temporary halt on the processing, permitting, and approval for certain BESS and/or solar land uses there is a potential that such uses could be located in unsuitable areas within the Town and/or on particular lots without adequate dimensional regulations in place. The potential for the unsuitable location of and lack of proper dimensional regulations for such uses would have materially adverse and irreversible impacts on the Town. The Town Board also finds that it is in need of time to perform the necessary analysis of the potential types of BESS and/or solar energy facilities that could be located in the Town. By maintaining the status quo regarding such uses, the Town Board can provide for the planned orderly growth and development of the Town.

3. MORATORIUM IMPOSED; APPLICABILITY

A. For a period of time of six (6) months following the effective date of the adoption of this Local Law, no application may be processed and no permits, certificates of occupancy, approvals, denials, determinations, or interpretations may be issued or granted for any land uses relating to BESS and/or solar energy, including, but not limited to, BESS and/or solar farms.
B. The term “land uses relating to BESS and/or solar energy” shall be broadly construed to include any facility designed to generate electric power to be marketed, sold, or used for other than the power demands of the improvements on the property on which such facility is located. Not included within the scope of this Moratorium are BESS and/or solar energy facilities designed to generate electric power solely for the use of the improvements located on the same property.
C. The term “BESS and/or solar farm” shall mean “a collection of solar panels and/or Battery Energy Storage Systems covering one-quarter (1/4) acre or more of land that are designed to capture sunlight and transform it into electricity and/or energy storage.” This definition includes freestanding and ground pole-mounted photovoltaic and parabolic solar installations. This definition does not include photovoltaic panels that are mounted on or affixed to residential dwellings for their use or municipal buildings or existing panels mounted on commercial or industrial buildings.
D. This Local Law shall be binding on the Town Board, Building Inspector, all Town officials and employees, and any applicant or real property owner in the Town desiring to apply for or receive a permit, certificate of occupancy, or approval in the Town of Parishville.
E. During the period of the Moratorium, the Town Board and Town Planning Board shall endeavor to complete all reasonable and necessary review, study, analysis, and, if warranted, revisions to the Town of Parishville Laws. During the period of the Moratorium, no applications will be accepted nor permits, certificates of occupancy, or approvals issued which would authorize development within the Town for land uses relating to BESS and/or solar energy as described above.

4. TERM

A. This Moratorium shall be in effect for a period of six (6) consecutive months from its effective date. This Local Law shall be subject to renewal for a cumulative period of up to an additional six (6) months, if necessary, by Resolution of the Town Board.

5. EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS

A. To the extent that any law, ordinance, rule or regulation, or parts thereof, are in conflict with the provisions of this Local Law, including all provisions of Article 16 of the New York State Town Law concerning special use permit, site plan, building permit, and certificate of occupancy procedure and requirements, this Local Law shall control and supersede such law, ordinance, rule or regulation.

6. WAIVER

A. Owing to the limited scope and duration of this Moratorium, there is no provision being made in this Local Law for any waivers to its applicability. However, the Town Board may, but is not obligated to, promulgate regulations by a Resolution of the Board authorizing a hardship waiver process to this Moratorium.

7. SEVERABILITY

A. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the clause, paragraph, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered, and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE

A. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with New York Municipal Home Rule.

CLARKSON... Cost saving plan hits employees

in the upcoming fiscal year and continue hiring faculty and staff critical to our academic and enrollment goals.”

The university believes the move to halt the employer contribution will allow Clarkson to “ensure long-term financial security for all employees by proactively addressing the budget deficit” in light of enrollment challenges.

“At Clarkson, our focus is always on the student experience, ensuring that every student receives the support, knowledge, and real-world opportunities needed to thrive and graduate career-ready,” Heacock told the newspaper. “At the same

time, we know that to ensure our continued institutional stature, we must remain nimble and responsive to change. We continuously make strategic, thoughtful decisions intended to support Clarkson for the long-term.”

The president said that while Clarkson’s enrollment has mirrored national trends downward the last few years, the university is confident about the future.

“Our focus on STEM as Clarkson’s core is resonating with prospective students. Deposits are up 50% compared to this time last year, affirming students trust us to deliver the highest quality education in STEM. That’s what they deserve and why employers hire Clarkson grads,” the president said.

“At Clarkson, we are a tight-knit community, and while this action is difficult, it’s one we will get through together,” said Heacock.

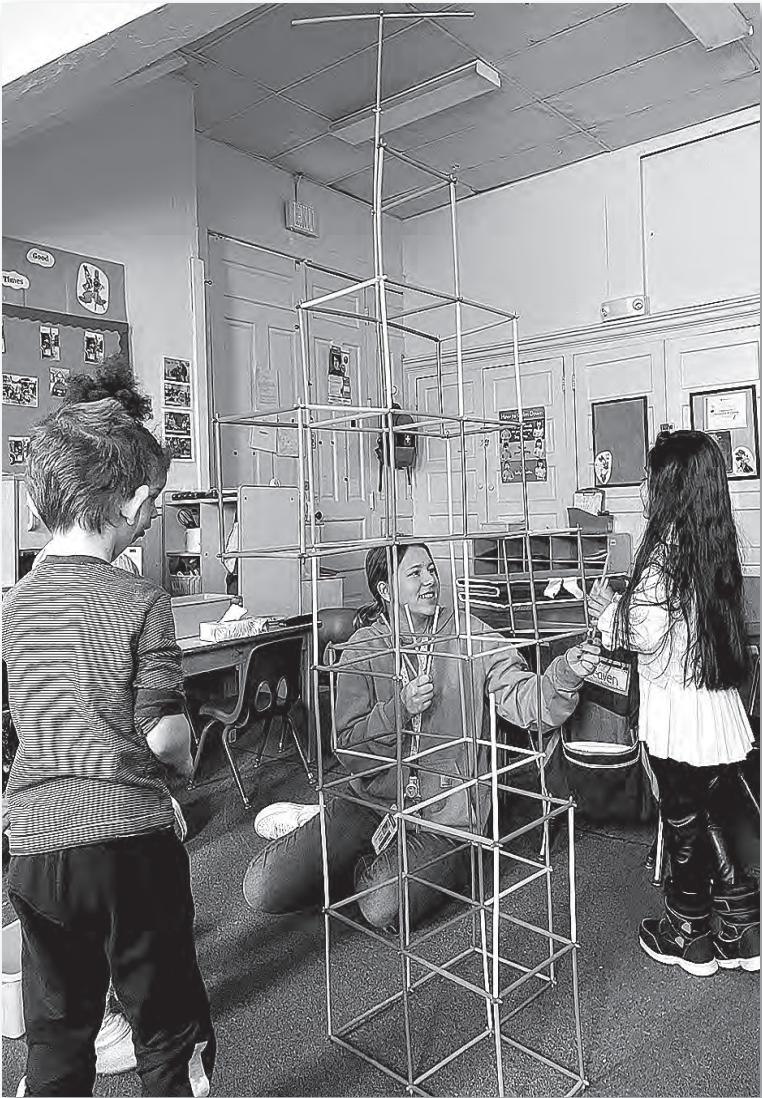
In late 2023, Clarkson finalized a

restructuring plan which involved some program cuts to allow the university to become more financially solvent. At that time, the college was believed to be working on making up a \$6.75 million operating budget shortfall, although that amount was not verified by college officials.

The university, like local colleges St. Lawrence University and SUNY Potsdam, has struggled with declining enrollment and cites the drop in numbers of attending students as one of the reasons for its financial restructuring. Potsdam and St. Lawrence both announced multi-million deficits in 2023 and have been operating under restructuring plans to make up the difference since.

Clarkson’s current deficit amount was not available from university officials at the time of this story, but it is presumed that headway has been made on shoring up the gap since the 2023 restructuring.

Just a few days ago, the university selected its 19th president, Michelle Larson, to take over leadership of Clarkson. Larson will officially take the reins April 1. Larson is currently the CEO and president of The Adler Planetarium in Chicago.



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Stacking fun in Potsdam

Potsdam Head Start students were busy practicing their building skills with Miss Sasha recently. Head Start, part of the St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, is currently recruiting 3 and 4 year-olds for next school year. Call 315-386-8574 for more information.

RATES... NYPA seeks to raise rates

hopes of putting an end to the proposition.

“I understand we’ve had inflation but the last thing I think we should do is a 256% increase in the cost of power when people are trying to feed their children, keep the lights on and pay their taxes and do everything else they’re trying to do. I have not seen any of the employees that I work around get a 256% raise,” she said.

Curran said she doesn’t know how families “can carry this” and afford to pay for the increase.

“I will not support this (rate hike),” she said.

Legislator Harry Smithers questioned what rationale or justification NYPA claimed to justify the rate hike but Curran said to the best of her knowledge there was none.

“There are comments online that you can see. Basically, they just want an increase,” she said.

Curran said she wants to learn more about the request and to “see everyone’s books” before the proposal was weighed by state officials.

Legislator David Forsythe com-

mented that the proposal was covered during a recent meeting of the St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency meeting he attended.

He said Massena Electric Superintendent Andrew McMahon gave a presentation during the meeting, noting the proposed rate hike and how it would impact North Country residents.

IN total, Preference Power Rates apply to hydroelectric sales to customers in 47 municipal electric systems, four rural electric cooperatives, three investor-owned utilities, the Tuscarora Nation, two transportation authorities, customers in neighboring states and host communities.

“Even if it’s a 100% increase it’s still too much,” Forsythe said.

“Hopefully they’ll reconsider this because it’s astronomical.”

The 60-day public comment period ends Feb. 24.

All written comments on the rate

proposal must be filed with NYPA’s Corporate Secretary by emailing secretaryoffice@nypa.gov.

In addition to the filing comments, NYPA held two public forums, one in Niagara and a second in Albany.

All submissions received during the public comment period, including statements received during the public forums, will be considered before a final rate recommendation will be presented to the NYPA Board of Trustees at its July 2025 meeting.

“Under the new proposal, NYPA plans to implement a phase-in to the cost-of-service rates to mitigate annual customer bill impacts. The rates, which have not changed since 2014, will be modified to account for capital investments in the hydro plants and increased operating and general expenses. The new rates will become effective July 1, 2025,” NYPA officials said in a press release.

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Community gathers in Colton

A popular attraction at Colton Winterfest Saturday, Feb. 8, was the Colton Community Church's white elephant sale, bake sale and luncheon. Among the diners eating their homemade soups and sandwiches were, from left, Leonard Bonno, Mary LaComb and Brenda Bonno. In back, selling baked goods were Sharon Jones and Marlyne Miller.

Gun rights case hits Supreme Court docket

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- A gun rights case with ties to the North Country now sits before the U.S. Supreme Court who must decide if they intend to hear legal arguments this fall.

According to court documents filed with the Court, Antonyuk v. James, was docketed on Jan. 27, 2025 following the filing of a petition for a writ of certiorari filing.

A writ of certiorari is a legal document that requests a higher court review a lower court's decision, in this case with the Supreme Court reviewing a decision by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Antonyuk case is one that has been in the works since 2022 following the passage of the Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA). That bill, passed along party lines following the Buffalo Tops Supermarket shooting and Uvalde, Texas, school shooting, has placed a number of restrictions on lawful gun ownership in New York.

Among them are requirements to take an 18-hour course prior to applying for a concealed carry license, a list of "sensitive spaces" off limits to lawful concealed carry, a "good moral character" clause when applying for a concealed carry license and a requirement to

have such a license to purchase a semi-automatic rifle, among others.

Following conflicting rulings by the Northern District Court and Second Circuit, attorneys have sought an opinion from the Supreme Court.

St. Lawrence County Attorney Steve Button, who has been working "of counsel" on the case since Oct. 2022 said Gun Owners of America believe they have a strong case that has implications for St. Lawrence County residents.

He previously told NCTW GOA felt they had a strong legal argument that fell in line with the famous "Bruen decision" from 2022, which largely overturned New York's 109-year-old concealed carry laws.

The Bruen decision Button spoke of comes from the landmark case NYSRPA v. Bruen that the Supreme Court ruled on, greatly expanding gun rights and the definition of the 2nd Amendment.

Now with the case before the Supreme Court, the Justices must weigh the merits of GOA's arguments and the state's counter claims.

In particular, GOA argues that splits in the lower court decisions to either upend the CCIA or maintain the new laws, coupled with legal precedents from 1791 or 1868 interpretations should persuade the Court to overturn the laws.

St. Lawrence County celebrates 100 years of New York State Association of Counties

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Legislators are proclaiming 2025 as the centennial of the New York State Association of Counties.

According to county officials, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) was founded 100 years ago "to serve as a unified voice and advocate for the 57 counties of New York State, including the five boroughs of New York City."

Officials said NYSAC has consistently worked to enhance the effectiveness of county governments through advocacy, comprehensive education and meticulous research, all aimed at addressing the unique challenges faced by county officials.

"Over the past century, NYSAC has played an instrumental role in promoting the interests of coun-

ty governments at the state and federal levels, ensuring that the voices of local governments are heard, and their needs addressed," legislators said.

County officials say NYSAC has played a crucial role in ensuring invaluable resources and training have also been made available to counties over the years, including knowledge and tools necessary to deliver "efficient and effective services."

"Through its commitment to research, NYSAC has fostered innovative solutions and best practices that have strengthened county operations and improved the quality of life for millions of New Yorkers," they said.

With a legacy of collaboration and partnership among county governments, NYSAC and counties throughout the state continue to foster "a spirit of unity and mutual support," officials said.

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First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voter deadline soon For June primary

You may not find primary elections a very romantic topic, but in New York, Valentine's Day and primaries are closely associated.

The next round of primary elections in New York doesn't happen until June 24, but the increasing number of voters who are not affiliated with a particular party only have until February 14 to take steps that will enable them to cast a primary vote four months from now.

Some unaffiliated voters (those who recently moved into the state, for example) may not be aware that NY has closed primaries, meaning that only members of a candidate's political party can vote to determine that party's nominee in the General Election.

Only four parties currently qualify for ballot lines in New York State: the Democratic, Conservative, Republican, and Working Families Parties. By not affiliating with one of those parties, voters in effect partially disenfranchise themselves. It is through the primary elections that voters choose the candidates in the General Election.

Though the deadline for affiliation does fall on Valentine's Day, affiliation does not imply infatua-

tion with the party in question, and it can be easily changed.

To enroll in a party, or to change your party affiliation, you can register online, by mail, or in-person at your County Board of Elections.

The League of Women Voters urges unaffiliated voters, even if they are not actually "in love" with a political party, at least to enroll in their preferred party before February 14, and so as to fully participate in the democratic process come June.

**Kathleen Stein, President
League of Women Voters
of St. Lawrence County**

Cutting aid ineffective For lowering grocery prices

Eggs...what about eggs?

Trump promised to lower grocery prices.

Wasn't that what everyone wanted?

Now he says it's too difficult and it's ok for us to feel "a little pain." Is he trustworthy?

Instead of lowering prices, Trump plans to cut millionaires' taxes.

That did not help me last time; will it help us now?

Are taxes why billionaires donated millions to make Trump presi-

dent?

Is it to remove health and safety regulations on their products, regulations protecting their workers and us?

Instead of lowering prices, why did Trump put an unelected billionaire (who does not even merit security clearance) in charge of the government office responsible for ALL government payments?

Do you want Elon Musk to stop your grandmother's Social Security check? (Actually, it's illegal to cancel payments that have been approved by Congress.)

And how do you think Musk might profit from our personal information?

What about USAID? How will defunding USAID (less than 1% of the Budget, with no evidence of corruption) help us pay for groceries?

Do you think that an agency that responds yearly to 75+ health crises around the world with life-saving aid is "evil" (Musk's words)?

USAID actually delivers more food than any other country to save starving children, promotes our image in the world (food sacks say "from the American People"), and saves our very lives by controlling contagious disease outbreaks. Doesn't USAID represent real American values?

Is this the best way to reform our institutions?

Why would Musk-Trump want to systematically destroy our government?

Is it to make our lives better or is it self-interest?

Why can't millionaires pay their fair share instead of cutting their taxes at our expense?

And how might Trump's next attack hurt us?

**Lora Lunt
Potsdam**

Concerned about Musk security clearance

If Elon Musk and a gaggle of geeky 20-somethings stopped you on the street and asked for your address, phone number, social security number, and checking account information, would you give it to them? Would you?

Well, you don't have to ponder your answer. As of this last weekend, Elon and his crew have them. For every person who ever received a direct deposit from the Federal government, whether it be a tax refund, social security payment, or anything else. Musk, an erratic drug-using billionaire with disdain for anyone who disagrees with him, now has access to your checking account -- as well as the entire funds of the US Treasury and the computer systems that control it. And he didn't get rich by letting go of money once he got his hands on it.

Musk did it with a crew of teens and 20-somethings who have no security clearance, some who may not even be US citizens. They marched into a Treasury Department office and demanded the passwords to the checkbook of the United States of America -- and received them. The techniques they used to access and download data are a cybersecurity nightmare. It's likely they also disabled security protections to facilitate their data theft, leaving Treasury systems vulnerable to further hacks by enemies of the US.

What's more, Trump administration officials did nothing to stop this illegal intrusion. In fact, they authorized it. But that doesn't make it legal. It's still a crime.

If you have multiple bank accounts, you may wish to move money out of whatever account receives Federal disbursements, and into a savings or other account. Just leave enough to cover your outstanding checks and auto-payments.

If you think this is all perfectly fine, then go on pretending. If not, call Elise Stefanik to let her know how you feel, and ask for the arrest and prosecution of Musk, and the impeachment of Treasury Secretary Bessent who let this happen. Her office in Washington is at (202) 225-4611. Numbers for her regional offices can be found at <https://stefanik.house.gov/offices>.

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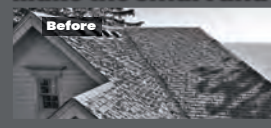
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Colton councilman declares supervisor candidacy

I write to declare my candidacy for the office of Supervisor of the Town of Colton.

The town needs a supervisor who will keep his fellow board members and the citizen-taxpayers informed of all issues affecting the town, especially financial issues.

Brookfield Renewables, the multinational company that owns and profits greatly from the Colton dams, is currently suing the town for an assessment reduction that, I believe, if granted would shift \$84 million in assessed value from Brookfield onto the shoulders of the homeowners of Colton.

As supervisor, I will follow this situation very closely, make sure that the town's attorney's fees are paid in a timely manner, and keep the citizen-taxpayers informed

with periodic briefings.

I will never cave in to Brookfield's demands and I will never accept a settlement unfavorable to the homeowners of the town.

There will be no secrecy or back-room negotiations under my supervisorship.

Any contract or agreement that the town is considering entering into will be discussed at the monthly meetings.

Citizen participation in these discussions will be encouraged and valued.

The Open Meetings Law will be respected and not repeatedly violated as I believe it is now.

I will ensure that citizen-taxpayers who come to meetings to express their concerns during Courtesy of the Floor are able to do so in a welcoming and non-threatening environment.

I will make the Town of Colton

a safe place to work again, where town employees are respected and not bullied or harassed and where their contributions to the welfare of the town are appreciated.

I will make sure that the town's Workplace Violence Prevention Policy is strengthened and followed. I will put an end to what I feel is a gloomy, oppressive, and threatening atmosphere that has cast a shadow over the lovely town.

Kevin Beary Colton

Gendebien is honest, immigrants help economy

The new Democratic candidate for the 21st Congressional district recently drew fire from Republicans for statements made over a decade ago to a St. Lawrence student.

Among other comments, the candidate Blake Gendebien noted how diligent and resourceful the immigrant workers were on his dairy farm.

Sadly, Republican legislators, rather than praise these hard working individuals, seem eager to expel them from our country.

I even noticed a Stefanik sign on a local dairy farm who is believed to hire a number of immigrants!

It's so refreshing to see Gende-

bien speak what we all know to be true, that almost all immigrants are hardworking contributors to our local economy, an economy that is starved for bus drivers, day laborers, cafeteria workers, grounds keepers and a variety of other jobs that could be filled by immigrants.

Greg Todd Canton

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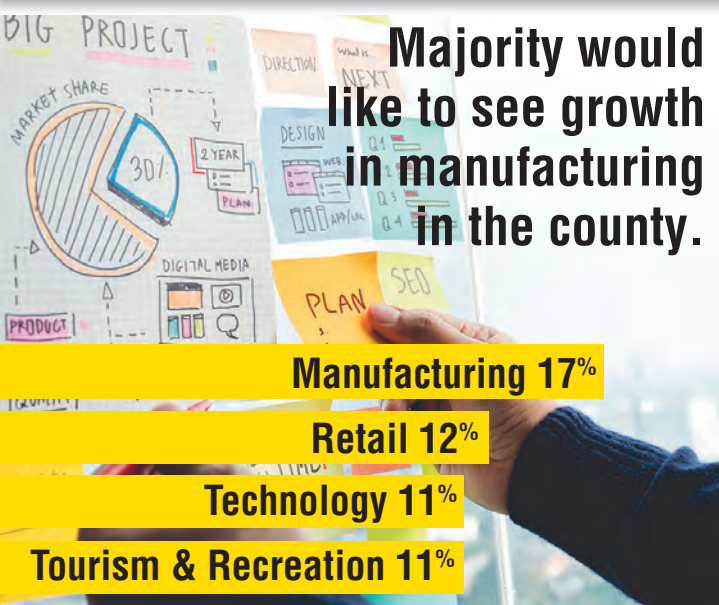
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Technology	11%
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Debbie Morgan | NCTW

Last week's question

What type of industries or businesses would you like to see in St. Lawrence County?

WHAT TYPES OF industries or businesses would you like to see grow most in St. Lawrence County?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: As part of her 2025 State of the State, Governor Kathy Hochul announced several initiatives to support New York families. One new program this year is the BABY Benefit, a birth allowance for

low-income parents during pregnancy and birth. The program will provide \$100 a month during pregnancy and \$1,200 at birth for New Yorkers who receive public assistance. Do you support the new BABY Benefit?

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North Star Health Alliance charting the future of local care

BY RICHARD DUVAL

President & Chief Executive Officer
North Star Health Alliance

2024 was a landmark year for North Star Health Alliance (NSHA), laying the groundwork for even greater achievements in 2025.

Leading this progress is the North Star Health Alliance (NSHA), a partnership that unites Carthage Area Hospital (CAH), Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center (CHMC), the Claxton-Hepburn Medical Campus (Claxton Campus), North Country Orthopaedic Group (NCOG), and Meadowbrook Terrace Assisted Living Facility.



Duvall

Together, we are dedicated to providing quality, patient-centered healthcare throughout the North Country to ensure residents receive the care they need close to home.

By redefining healthcare in our region and emphasizing the importance of local access, we are poised to create a brighter, healthier future for all.

Organizational Changes

In October 2024, Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center (CHMC) became a dedicated standalone mental health hospital, while its acute care programs shifted to the newly established Claxton-Hepburn Medical Campus (Claxton Campus).

Patients will continue to receive quality care in a familiar setting, supported by the North Star Health Alliance's (NSHA) commitment to keeping vital healthcare services local. This transition plan is now in its final stages, pending designation as a Critical Access Hospital.

These changes represent an important evolution for our healthcare system, with your care remaining unchanged and provided by our dedicated team.

Completing this plan will help preserve essential services, support local jobs, and strengthen our ability to serve the community effectively, ensuring you continue receiving the healthcare you trust for years to come.

New Services & Accreditations

At the start of 2024, the North Country Orthopaedic Group (NCOG) established the NCOG Wound Care Center in Watertown, led by Maryellen Blevins, PA-C, MPAS, DMSc.

This new center expands our essential wound care services alongside the Rev. Thomas T. Patterson Wound Healing Center in Ogdensburg (the region's only hyperbaric oxygen therapy accredited by the Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society).

Dr. Adam Jarrett joined the Patterson Wound Care team, further strengthening our services. Together, these centers ensure that patients across the North Country have access to comprehensive wound care.

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Richard Duvall
President & CEO

2024 also marked the reaccreditation of the Richard E. Winter (REW) Cancer Center by the Commission on Cancer (CoC) and the American College of Radiology, earning a three-year Center of Excellence designation—the only facility in the region to achieve this distinction.

This accomplishment reaffirms our unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional cancer care.

Central to this commitment is our multidisciplinary approach, achieved through close collaboration with the REW Cancer Center providers and Dr. Ali Gharagozloo from the Claxton Campus Radiology Department.

Additionally, we are excited to welcome back Dr. Alka Srivastava, who brings medical oncology and hematology expertise. Her dedication further strengthens our promise to provide outstanding cancer care for patients across the North Country.

We welcomed board-certified nephrologist Dr. Timi Akins to serve patients at Carthage Area Hospital (CAH) and Claxton Campus, extending the Dr. Ravinder N. Agarwal Renal Center's advanced services to Jefferson and Lewis Counties.

Additionally, Low-Dose Lung Cancer Screenings — led by board-certified pulmonologist Dr. Francis Lee and powered by AI technology — have been expanded to CAH, facilitating earlier detection and improving patient outcomes.

Recognizing the broader needs of our community, the NSHA has introduced an Addiction and Recovery Program at both CAH and Claxton Campus, offering critical support and treatment for individuals seeking assistance on their recovery journey.

Most recently, in January, the NSHA expanded pediatric care in the region by opening the North Star Pediatrics (NSP) clinic in Watertown.

The clinic's devoted providers, Dr. Josiree Ochotorena, Dr. Fernando Ongkingco III, Dr. Sandra Timmerman, and Joyce Ndungu, DNP, FNP-C, offer personalized pediatric care that families can rely on.



NSHA | Submitted

Claxton-Hepburn Medical Campus' Elizabeth May Duvall Children & Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit

In addition to expanding our service offerings, we welcomed several new providers to our healthcare family, each bringing specialized expertise to enhance patient care.

Elizabeth Verno, FNP-C, has joined the Diabetes, Osteoporosis, and Endocrine Center, where she specializes in endocrinology.

At the Canton Health Center, Kaileigh Bonno, FNP-C, will provide comprehensive family medicine services.

Our Claxton Campus Orthopedics department is now strengthened by the addition of Meagan Cooper, FNP-C, and Dr. Bartlomiej Szczec, MD, enhancing our orthopedic care capabilities.

Additionally, Dr. Emily Szczec, DO, has joined the General Surgery team at Claxton Campus, bringing her expertise to further support our surgical services.

Grant Funding

As part of our ongoing efforts to provide the highest level of patient-centered care across the tri-county region, members of the NSHA were awarded significant grant funding to expand specialized services. A \$5 million grant from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) will fund the expansion of the Elizabeth May Duvall

Children & Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit — the region's sole inpatient center dedicated to the mental well-being of children and adolescents.

Additionally, a \$6 million grant from OMH will enable Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center to establish a Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP), creating the region's only dedicated psychiatric emergency department and easing the burden on standard emergency rooms.

Claxton Campus was awarded a federal grant to establish an innovative Operations Centers at CAH and Claxton Campus.

These centers will collect, process, and analyze real-time data, enabling our teams to make swift, informed decisions that ensure timely and effective patient care.

With the implementation of advanced bed management systems, NSHA aims to reduce emergency department wait times and the time patients spend waiting for a hospital bed.

The Operations Center will now serve as the NSHA dispatch center for our ambulance and emergency services. Together, these initiatives will ultimately provide our community with faster access to vital treatments and services.

Additionally, CAH and CHMC

received a combined \$1 million grant to incorporate Healthy Steps providers into the pediatrics clinics across the NSHA health system.

Healthy Steps is designed to offer comprehensive preventive care and early intervention services for children, promoting their overall health and well-being.

This program provides families access to essential resources and support, ensuring that young patients receive timely care to foster healthy development and promptly address emerging health concerns.

Looking Ahead: Growth, Innovation & Excellence

As we look to 2025 and beyond, the communities of the North Country can trust in the unwavering commitment of all our member organizations within the North Star Health Alliance.

Carthage Area Hospital, Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center, Claxton-Hepburn Medical Campus, the North Country Orthopaedic Group, and Meadowbrook Terrace Assisted Living are committed to defending healthcare in our region.

Whether it's a swift visit to the emergency room, the convenience of our walk-in clinics or mobile units, specialized treatment at our cancer and wound care centers, or supportive living at Meadowbrook Terrace, our pledge remains steadfast.

We are excited about the many advancements and expansions planned for the year ahead.

From the introduction of new healthcare programs and the integration of cutting-edge technologies to the continued growth of our specialized services, members of the NSHA are poised to enhance the quality of life for our community through comprehensive, patient-centered healthcare.

We want to express our profound gratitude to our dedicated team—including our employees, medical staff, foundation members, auxiliary teams, hospital foundation, and board of directors.

Your unwavering commitment, along with the strong support from our community, is the driving force behind our ability to provide exceptional patient-centered healthcare services right here in your hometown. Together, we look forward to a year of growth, innovation, and continued excellence, reinforcing our role as your trusted neighborhood healthcare system.



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Local metal band Worm Circus released its first album of recorded music on Friday, Feb. 7 at Potsdam’s Creative Spirit art gallery. The band’s self-titled EP will be Worm Circus’s first release as a band, and will feature four tracks of heavy metal music.

Local metal band releases album

BY JOSH DAVIS
NORTH COUNTRY THIS WEEK

POTSDAM— Local metal band Worm Circus released its first album of recorded music on Friday, Feb. 7 at Potsdam’s Creative Spirit Art Gllery. The band’s self-titled EP will be Worm Circus’s first release as a band, and will feature four tracks of heavy metal music. Drummer Ray Stevens says he joined the band about a year ago, becoming the band’s fourth member. He describes the band’s music as a mix of hardcore and metalcore styles, with a dash of emotive lyrics. “Visceral would probably be a good word to use,” Stevens said. Stevens cites American sludge metal and noise rock band Chat Pile as one of his biggest influences, also drawing inspiration from alternative acts Nirvana and Korn. He says other band members draw heavily from bands Converge and Swans. CD copies of the album will be available for sale at Friday’s show. The album will also be available online at the band’s bandcamp page, and streaming on Spotify and Apple music.

Potsdam DIY & SLC Arts partner to bring monthly punk shows to Creative Spirit

Mosh pits to commence on the first Friday of the month

POTSDAM— The punk scene is alive and well in the North Country with a new home at the Creative Spirit art gallery in Potsdam. Through a partnership between Potsdam DIY and SLC Arts, monthly punk shows will take place every first Friday of the month, featuring original music from local and touring artists. Shows are always \$10 or pay what you can—no one is turned away for lack of funds. Doors open at 6 PM, with music starting at 7 PM. Potsdam Pride will be present at every event, ensuring a welcoming space for LGBTQIA+ attendees. “This is an effort to keep music affordable and accessible to all, and to give young kids a safe space to hang out and enjoy live music,” local musician and event organizer Ethan Shantie said.

“I’ve been attending and performing at punk shows in Northern New York since I was 14 years old. It’s been the defining community of my life,” Shantie said, adding, “But while the scene was thriving when I was a teenager, interest declined in the years before COVID. We knew it was time to bring it back.” Shantie said that since the first all-ages punk show at the Creative Spirit Community Arts Center in 2022, the demand for underground music has grown. “Punk music is for everyone. It’s our duty to make sure that art remains accessible, regardless of age or orientation. We want kids to feel empowered to start their own bands, to build their own community, and to make this scene their own,” Shantie said. For more information, visit slcartscouncil.org and follow @Potsdamdiy315 on Instagram .



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FRIDAY, FEB. 14

Author visit

BRASHER FALLS -- The Badenhause Public Library will host a Feb. 14 author visit at 4 p.m. with Pat McKeown. The local author will share readings from her new book. Join us as Pat shares some snippets from her book featuring stories from locals over the past 50 years.

Canton Winterfest events

CANTON -- Canton Winterfest rolls on. Events for the day are as follows: From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Valentine's Day Card Making at St. Lawrence County Center for History and Culture, 3 E. Main St. At 5:30 p.m., SLU Women's Basketball vs Ithaca College at SLU. At 5:30 p.m., SUNY Canton Women's Basketball vs SUNY Potsdam at Roos House. At 6 p.m., Valentine's Dinner & Comedy Event at Best Western University Inn, 90 East Main St. From 7 to 8:20 p.m., Free Open Skate at the Canton Pavilion, 90 Lincoln St., sponsored by County Seat Realty. At 7 p.m., SLU Men's Hockey vs Harvard University at Appleton Arena. At 7 p.m., SUNY Canton Men's Hockey vs SUNY Morrisville at Roos House. At 7:30 p.m., SLU Men's Basketball vs Ithaca College at SLU. At 7:30 p.m., SUNY Canton Men's Basketball vs SUNY Potsdam at Roos House.

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 Bagnato 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, jokes

CANTON -- Enjoy dinner and comedy featuring Moody McCarthy at Best West-

ern 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 . 6:00 p.m. - 9 p.m., Friday, February 14, 2025. \$85USD per person or \$150USD per couple.

Valentine's Day dance

POTSDAM -- Playback will entertain Friday, Feb. 14 at the Robert J Freego Amvets 282 from 6 to 10 p.m. for a Valentine's Day dance.

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

Adult Bible study group

CANTON - The Good News Fellowship group will gather to read, study and discuss the Bible for comprehension every Saturday at 30 Court 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.

Artist talk

POTSDAM - SLC Arts Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St., will host a free WONOCO conversation with artist Blake Lavia on Feb. 15 from 6-7 p.m. Multimedia artist and community organizer Blake Lavia will speak in a series that complements the collaborative installation "The Dinner Party: Judy Chicago Reimagined" to enhance the project's impact further.

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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. 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. Both are talented songwriters as well as vocalists and musicians, so you may hear tunes you haven't heard before. 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://robinmcclellan.com/>, where you will find directions to the Hermitage. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is challenging in the winter.

Chamber hockey night

POTSDAM - The Potsdam Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Chamber Hockey Night on Saturday, Feb. 15 when the Clarkson Golden Knights play Harvard University at Cheel Arena at 4 p.m. "The reserved seating tickets are \$15 each," explained Chamber Executive Director Melanie Flack, "As a fundraising event for the chamber, Clarkson University generously donates a portion of the ticket sales to the Potsdam Chamber to support community events such as Summerfest and Fright Night." Attendees will be seated in a designated Potsdam Chamber section with extra opportunities to win gift cards. Chamber ticket holders will have a 1 in 10 chance of winning a prize. North Country Savings Bank sponsors an On-Ice Money Grab. One person will dawn a pair of hockey gloves and try to collect as many dollar bills as they can in the allotted time. If you, your high school club or your business would like to purchase tickets or a block of tickets, please email director@potsdamchamber.com or stop in the Chamber office at 6 Market Street. Tickets make great holiday gifts for staff, friends, family or even a terrific gift for yourself! This is an excellent opportunity to see first-rate hockey and to support the Chamber going into the new year.

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NORFOLK -- Creating your own web page is easier and more fun that you'd ever imagine! Join us for an open clinic where you'll discover how to create your own basic Web Page in under a half hour. Then you can watch it grow as you learn more skills and techniques. Here is a simple site that we created in under an hour: <https://deprecatedme.neocities.org/> Best for ages 12 through Adult. Bring your laptop or use our computers (we have 4). 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., Saturday, February 15, 2025. Free. Hepburn Library of Norfolk, noflib@ncsls.org, 1 Hepburn St.

Friends book sale
BRASHER FALLS -- The Badenhause Public Library will host a Friends book sale on Feb. 15 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The Friends of the Library are currently accepting donations of books, one box/bag at a time. Adult hardcovers \$2, adult paperbacks \$1, children's hardcover \$1.00 and children's paperback 2/\$1.

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> .

Kids clothes giveaway

POTSDAM - There will be a kids winter clothes giveaway at Potsdam Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The SUNY Potsdam Wilderness Ed and Potsdam Public Library have teamed up for a Kids Winter Clothes Giveaway in the mezzanine classroom. Members of the community can come to sort through the laundered clothing and take what they need. For more information email bishopak206@potsdam.edu .

Winter social

CANTON -- Break up the long winter by gathering with fellow farmers and food business owners to enjoy good conversation and company. Bring a dish to share and Extension will provide appetizers sourced from Big Spoon Kitchen along with a variety of refreshments. Space is limited, reserve your spot at the link below! 5:00 p.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday, February 15, 2025. FREE, bring a dish to share. Maria 'Flip' Filippi, mpf65@cornell.edu 315-379-9192 ext 229. Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County 2043B State Highway 68.

Mental health first aid

CANTON -- SUNY Canton will host "Mental Health First Aid" training that is open to the public on 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.; Thursday, March 20 and Friday, March 21, 8 a.m.-noon; Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (pre-class online work required); Wednesday, April 9 and Thursday, April 10, 8 a.m.-noon; Tuesday, April 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Certified professional staff members will lead the eight-hour courses. \$75 per person. Register online at <https://www.canton.edu/wcip/lifelong/mental-health/>.

Music, dancing, beavers

CLIFTON - Even more events are planned at the annual Adirondack White Out Weekend on Saturday, Feb. 15. www.adkwow.org for schedule. 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. Adirondack Beaver Tails served. Free Adirondack Beaver Tails are dessert waffles served on a stick with choice of toppings; 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.; free refreshments at the Western Adk Presbyterian Church, 11 Youngs Rd., Star Lake, from 1-4 p.m.; food sold at Cranberry Lake Fire Hall, State Route 3, Cranberry Lake, 5-8 p.m. Chili, cornbread and desserts; free Beaver Trivia at Cranberry Lake Fire Hall, State Route 3, Cranberry Lake, 5-6 p.m.. teams of up to 4; free Knotty Paddy Concert at Cranberry Lake Fire Hall, 6-7:45 p.m., followed by contra dance 8-9 p.m.

Food pantry distribution

NORFOLK -- Monthly food distribution from 9-11 a.m. We are a Client Choice 5

day food pantry. Guests may select the foods they need, and each person in the household receives the equivalent of 15 meals per visit. We are a self-certifying pantry, which means we do not ask for proof of income. If you are unable to attend our monthly distribution and are in need of Emergency Food please call 315.212.0520 to set up a mutually convenient time to meet at the pantry. We serve the Norfolk, Raymondville and Norwood area. 9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m., Saturday, February 15, 2025. Wendy Chambers, wchambers384@gmail.com, 315.212.0520. 9 West Main Street, Norfolk, NY.

Tri-Town Winter Carnival

BRASHER -- Tri-Town Winter Carnival Saturday, Feb. 15 events: 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; Also, 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., Badenhause Library, Brasher Falls;Book Sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Badenhause Library, Brasher Falls; I Spy all week Feb. 10-15, 3 p.m. Saturday deadline, Badenhause 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; Shuffle Board Tournament noon registration, 2 p.m. start, American Legion Post #514, Winthrop; Snowmobile Poker Run noon-6 p.m. Hand Poker, Ends at The Jug, North Lawrence, 5 stops minimum for hand. SLC Elementary School, Brasher Falls; Kids Zone 12-3 p.m., 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. 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, NLVFD food truck on site, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., ABCD Hardware, Winthrop. Also, Adirondack BBQ Food Truck, 1 p.m., High Peaks Winery, Winthrop; Lacey Rae Stoddard Entertainment, 2 p.m., High Peaks Winery, Winthrop; Free Ice Skating 6-9 p.m., Helena 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. More info: www.facebook.com/TriTownChamberofCommerce.

White Out events

CLIFTON - The annual Adirondack White Out Weekend continues Saturday, Feb. 15 with even more events. Held in Star Lake, Wanakena, Oswegatchie and Cranberry Lake. www.adkwow.org for schedule. Frying Pan Toss Contest, American Legion, Mervin Eno Post 1539, 264 Benson Mines Rd., Star Lake, 11 a.m. Registration at 10:45; 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



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Mines Rd., Star Lake, 3-6 p.m.; wine tasting, UB's Mercantile, 3386 NY3, Oswegatchie, 1-4 p.m.; free chainsaw carving demonstration with Packbasket Adventures, 12 Reed Rd., Wanakena, at 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.; carvings available for purchase. Also, Carl's Carvings [local artisan Carl Twyman] will be on hand with a walking stick carving demos at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. Carvings available for purchase; snow croquet in Z-Park at Otto's Abode, 6 Hamela St., Wanakena. All day. Free. .

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 Saturday, Feb. 15. Bigfoot Pancake Challenge at U-B's Mercantile, 3386 NY 3, Oswegatchie, 8-10:45 a.m., eat as many as you can buy; free Jack Wax, U-B's Mercantile, 3386 NY 3, Oswegatchie, 8-10:45 a.m.; Book, Bake & Rummage Sale at Clifton-Fine Community Center, 4208 NY 3, Star Lake, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., sandwiches & soups sold; free horse-drawn wagon rides at Adirondack Exhibit Center, 4195 NY 3, Star Lake, noon-2 p.m.; Busy Beavers, Adirondack Exhibit Center, 4195 NY 3, Star Lake, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Learn about the historic beaver fur trade, games and activities for kids, plus campfire & s'mores, crafts, cookies and videos, and local trappers displaying skulls, traps and pelts 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Winter book sale
BRASHER FALLS - Friends of the Badenhausen Public Library will not be holding their monthly used book sale on Saturday, Feb. 1 but will instead hold a Winter Carnival book sale on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as part of the Tri-Town Winter Carnival. The sale will be held at the Badenhausen Library, 897 Main St. Book prices are as follows: Adult hardcover \$2, adult paperback \$1, children's hardcover \$1, and children's paperback and board books 2/\$1. Children can select one free book at each monthly book sale. Funds raised benefit Badenhausen Public Library. Friends of the Badenhausen Public Library will hold book sales on the first Saturday of each month as an on-going fundraiser.

Winter Carnival events
BRASHER FALLS -- The Badenhausen Public Library will stage several winter carnival events on Feb. 15. There will be a grab and go craft 9 a.m.-4 p.m. while supplies last, ice sun catcher contest drop off 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Judging at 3 p.m. Youth 1-10, teen 11-18 and adult 18+ categories, with prizes for winners in each category. Other events include hide a mouse, door prizes and more.

SUNDAY, FEB. 16
Canton Winterfest events
CANTON -- Canton Winterfest rolls on. Events for the day are as follows: At 10 a.m., Tracking Tracks in Heritage Park.

Cornhole, frying pan toss
COLTON - The Colton Amvets Sons and Ladies Auxiliary are hosting cornhole and frying pan toss tournaments at the Colton Amvets, 5082 Rt. 56, on Feb. 16. All proceeds are being donated to the Kathryn Hayes Food Pantry. Frying pan toss registration (\$5 per player) will be from 10-11 a.m. Throwing starts at 11. Team selection is a blind draw. Cornhole registration (\$20 per player) will be held from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Throwing starts at 1:30 p.m. Prizes: 1st place is 30% of total registrations, 2nd is 20% of total registrations.

Kids Art Club
POTSDAM - Kids Art Club and Doodle Tots will be offered at the Potsdam Public Library on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m. Now a monthly program, the club meets in the mezzanine classroom where children will create a different piece of artwork to take home. Parental supervi-

sion needed. Supplies are provided and space is limited. Register at mpamell@potsdamlibrary.org.

Tri-Town Winter Carnival
BRASHER -- Tri-Town Winter Carnival Sunday, Feb. 16 events: 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., Crapser Hall, Brasher Falls; Pageant \$, 1 p.m., SLC Elementary. School cafe, Brasher FallsNorth Lawrence & Lawrenceville VFD Diner, 1-4 p.m., North Lawrence & Lawrenceville VFD, Diner menu @NLFD Station, 1-4 p.m. Tug-a-War, Bed Races and Human Dog Sled Races, Outdoor Course 1-3 p.m., North Lawrence & Lawrenceville VFDBand-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. More info: www.facebook.com/TriTownChamberofCommerce.

White Out events
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MONDAY, FEB. 17
Blood drive
POTSDAM -- The American Red Cross will be on Clarkson University's campus on Monday, Feb. 17 for a blood drive. The blood drive will be held in the Student Center Multipurpose Rooms from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are encouraged and appreciated, but walk-ins are welcome. Consider a Power Red Cell donation if you are O Neg, O Pos, A Neg or B Neg. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or go online to RedCrossBlood.org to schedule your appointment to donate. Use sponsor code clarksonu. Monday, February 17, 2025.

Cinema 10 screening
POTSDAM - Cinema 10 at the Roxy in Potsdam will screen All We Imagine as Light (France/India/Netherlands/etc., 2024, d. Payal Kapadia), a 110-minute NR film on Feb. 17 at 7:15 p.m. The drama film focuses on the lives of two nurses in Mumbai and exploring themes of intimacy, friendship, and societal pressures. 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..

Elks hockey shoot
POTSDAM - Potsdam Elks Lodge will host its annual free hockey shoot at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at Pine Street Arena. Open to age 13 and younger. Every registered shooter receives a T-shirt. Top three in each category receive a prize. No hockey experience required. Shooters divided into groups according to age, to take five stationary shots at a skills net. Points for difficulty. Parental permission required. Pre-registration slips available at Potsdam Elks. Also register the day of the event. Info: Mary at 315-566-9058..

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

TUESDAY, FEB. 18
Hockey, free skating
POTSDAM -- Open hockey and free public skating will be held Tues., Feb. 18, at Pine St. Arena. Open Hockey will be held 2:15-3:15 p.m. with a \$5 fee. Free Public skating will be 3:30-5:30 p.m. Skate rentals are \$3 if needed.

Poetry and book signing
POTSDAM - SLC Arts Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St., will host a poetry and book signing with Alesa Bernat on Feb. 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. Bernat's debut poetry and prose collection "Everything is Fine" is a raw and honest portrayal of the casualties caused by carving a path out of our darkness.

Rune casting workshop
CANTON - The Unitarian Universalist Church in Canton serving the North Country community will host a Rune casting workshop and discussion on the differences between divination and fortune telling, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6-7:30 p.m. The introduction to using runes for self-reflection will open opportunities to empower workshop participants to make lifestyle changes that align with the goal of living one's life with compassion, kindness, acceptance, and love. There will be opportunities for each participant to cast runes and receive support and insights. The workshop is free, open to the public, and welcoming to all. Free.

WEDS., FEB. 19
Library board meeting
NORFOLK -- The Norfolk library board meets Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 5-6 p.m. Free. nolib@ncls.org, 315-384-3052.

Documentary screening
CANTON - Emmy-winning filmmaker Peter Klein presents his documentary "Bribe, Inc.," on global corruption at St. Lawrence University on Wed., Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m. in Hepburn Auditorium, Room 218. Free and open to the public. Klein's new work delves into a sophisticated international bribery scheme involving the oil industry in Baghdad and two Canadian brothers who funneled millions in bribes through their Monaco-based company, Unaoil.

Seminar Series
POTSDAM -- SUNY Potsdam will continue its Disciplined Inquiry in Education Seminar Series with a range of topics across the disciplines in 2025. The next seminar will be Feb. 19 with Laura Perry and Dr. Karen Caldwell (Department of

Business Administration): "Solving the Accessibility Problem Before We Create It: Embedding Accessible, Inclusive Design Competencies into Curricula." These events are free, and the public is welcome to attend. Community members who wish to join either virtually or in person should email Billijean Elliott for more information, at plantybj@potsdam.edu. For the full descriptions, visit www.potsdam.edu/academics/SOEPS/education/seminar.

Hockey, free skating
POTSDAM -- Open hockey and free public skating will be held Wed., Feb. 19, at Pine St. Arena. Open Hockey will be at 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. with a \$5 fee. Free public skating will be 12:30-2:30 p.m. Skate rentals are \$3 if needed.

Writers group
POTSDAM - SLC Arts, 6-8 Raymond St., will host a Writers Group meetings on Feb. 5 and 19 from 6-8 p.m. A welcoming space for writers of all levels and genres to connect, share, and grow..

THURSDAY, FEB. 20
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.

Carnegie 10 film series
CANTON - St. Lawrence University's Carnegie 10 International film series will screen "Goodbye Berlin" on Thurs., Feb. 20, 6-7:40 p.m. in Carnegie 10. Free and open to the public. Language: German with English subtitles. Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TA1TX-aMUUE4&t=7s . The 2016 German comedy-drama "Tschick," directed by Fatih Akin, is adapted from Wolfgang Herrndorf's popular 2010 novel, which is known as "Why We Took the Car" in English-speaking regions. The film follows two teenage outsiders from Berlin who embark on a quirky road trip across Eastern Germany in a stolen car during their summer break. .

Figure drawing
POTSDAM - SLC Arts Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St., will host figure drawing sessions on Feb. 6 and 20 from 6-8 p.m. \$10 cost.

Drop-ins welcome. Bring your supplies, and we will provide an awesome community and model. Info: https://slc-arts-council.myshopify.com/products/figure-drawing .

Hockey, free skating
POTSDAM -- Open hockey and free public skating will be held Thursday., Feb. 20, at Pine St. Arena. Open Hockey will be held 2:15-3:15 p.m. with a \$5 fee. Free public skating will be 3:30-5:30 p.m. Skate rentals are \$3 if needed.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21
Fish fry
CANTON -- VFW Post 1231 Auxiliary, Gouverneur Street Canton, will host an eat in or take out dining fish fry on Friday, February 21from 4 to 7 p.m.. Price will be \$15 per dinner. Menu includes (breaded) deep fried fish or oven baked fish, macaroni & cheese or french-fries, coleslaw, roll, and desert. Take outs available by calling 315-386-8953.

Hockey, free skating
POTSDAM -- Open hockey and free public skating will be held Friday, Feb. 21, at Pine St. Arena. Open Hockey will be held 2:15-3:15 p.m. with a \$5 fee. Free public skating will be 3:30-5:30 p.m. Skate rentals are \$3 if needed.

Workshop adult music
POTSDAM -- New Horizons Bands of Northern NY is sponsoring a workshop for adults/seniors interested in improving their skills on their band instrument on Feb. 21 at 9 a.m. Workshop will be at SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music and taught by Crane School of Music students. Participants must pre-register at newhorizonsnny@gmail.com by Feb 18 and bring their own instrument. Event is free and sponsored by Northern New York Community Foundation. 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m., Friday, February 21, 2025. Katherine Calcagno, kmcalcagno@aol.com, 3158691981. SUNY Potsdam Crane School of Music, Potsdam, NY.

Yoga in the Dark
CANTON -- Yoga In The Dark + Sound Bath with Lori Dye leading yoga and Becky Harblin on singing bowls. Friday, February 21, 2025 6 - 7:15 pm, \$20 This all-levels class will be led by Lori Dye, in the dark! We will move through a journey of the senses, drawing awareness within to feel the effect of the yoga poses. Enjoy a gentle flow, then relax with a sound bath by Becky Harblin. Leave feeling peaceful and grounded. 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Friday, February 21, 2025. \$20. Canton Yoga Loft, canton.yoga.loft@gmail.com, 3156058637. Canton Yoga Loft 21 Miner Street #2, Canton, NY.

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Wedding receptions also help to create lasting memories, and this fun-filled part of a couple's big day can be made even more memorable with some small, unique gestures guests won't soon forget.

Go off the beaten path with your guestbook

It's customary to set out a guestbook at a wedding reception.

Traditional guestbooks ask guests to sign their names and jot down a brief sentiment expressing their love for the happy couple.

Couples who want a less traditional guestbook can set up a photo-booth for a digital guestbook, leave out a Polaroid camera and encourage guests to snap their own photos or asks guests to sign something unique, like baseballs or planters

that can initially be used to house a centerpiece and then be kept as keepsakes for years to come.

Get creative with seating assignments

Numbered tables are the standard at plated dinner wedding receptions, and couples can even get creative with this familiar tradition.

Write guests' names and table numbers on the side of handheld vases with a small bouquet of the couple's choice of flowers inside, which can double as wedding favors guests take home at the end of the night.

In lieu of numbering tables, couples can name them to go along with the theme of the wedding.

If it's a beach wedding, name each table after a favorite beach. If couples love Hollywood, name each table after a favorite actor.

Create a cake to remember

This will likely require some close collaboration with a local bakery, but the options here are as limitless as couples' and their baker's imaginations.

Cakes can be created to recreate a favorite piece of art for couples with an artistic streak.

Sports fans who met at a game can offer a cake built to mirror the stadium of their favorite team.

Couples who love to travel together can create a cake made to look like a jet or a favorite locale they visited prior to tying the knot.

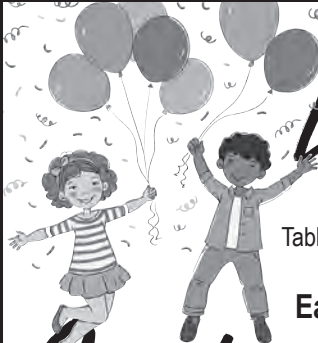
Get guests moving.

The dance floor is a popular place at a wedding reception, and couples can spice things up by hosting a dance-off

Encourage guests of all ages to participate and offer rewards to the guests who impress with their ability to cut the rug.

There's no end to the ways couples can make their receptions more memorable.

By focusing on fun, couples can ensure everyone remembers the reception for years to come.



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Think it's too early? Think again. Graduation season is busy, planning ahead essential

Graduation is an accomplishment so significant that many families commemorate grads' hard work with a party.

Whether students are graduating from elementary school, middle school, high school, or college, the decision to fete that feat with a party is pretty popular.

That so many families choose to celebrate graduation with a party underscores the need to plan ahead.

The following are some early planning pointers families can consider as students draw closer to the day when they will don their caps and gowns.

Pick a date and let it be known

The dates of commencement ceremonies are typically announced months in advance.

That affords party planners ample time to pick a date for the celebration.

The earlier planners can pick a date, the greater the likelihood that they'll get to pick a date of their choosing. The longer planners wait, the more likely it is that many dates will be snatched up by the families of fellow grads.

Once a date has been chosen, send out save-the-dates so others can avoid scheduling a party on the same day.

Speak with fellow parents

Parents typically plan graduation parties, so one easy way to avoid scheduling conflicts is to work with fellow moms and dads.

A joint party might make the most sense if families are planning summer travel or have limited flexibility regarding when they can host.

Book reservations early

Though many graduation parties are held at private homes, some families prefer large family dinners at local restaurants or gatherings at other public venues.

Families who aren't hosting at home should study venue locations well in advance and book reservations as soon as possible.

It's especially important to book reservations early, as graduation season typically coincides with the dawn of wedding season, which means there could be steep com-

petition for venues or limited availability.

Remain flexible and open to new ideas.

Even early birds may find it hard to book vendors and venues, and planners may not want to settle for second or third options when celebrating an occasion as momentous as graduation.

If preferred venues and vendors aren't available during peak graduation season, or if scheduling conflicts are making it hard to pick a date, remain flexible and open to new ideas.

One alternative is to schedule a graduation party in mid-summer. This can serve as a sendoff to high school graduates about to leave for college or provide a great way for college grads to get back together with friends before the end of summer.

Another option could be to finance a trip for grads and their friends to a nearby amusement park.

Graduation parties are great ways to commemorate all the hard work students did en route to donning their caps and gowns.

Planning early can ensure such parties are just what parents and students are hoping for.

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New Horizons Bands workshop offered

POTSDAM — Have fond memories of your high school band? Want to get back to making music with others? It's never too late! Formed in 2009, New Horizons Bands of Northern NY offers adults/seniors the chance to rediscover their band skills and perform in our concert or swing band. A skill-building workshop will be held Friday, Feb. 21, at Crane School of Music. Breakout sessions for different instruments will focus on improving tone, breath support, and mastering new music. The workshop is free and open to all adults, with no prior experience required. Participants should bring their own instrument or come to listen. Pre-registration is required by Feb. 18. Contact Music Director Diane Mathie at NewHorizonsNNY@gmail.com or Kathy Calcagno at 315-344-7518.

Judy Chicago Reimagined brings collaborative feminist art to North Country

POTSDAM – The Dinner Party: Judy Chicago Reimagined is a collaborative art installation bringing together 16 women-identifying artists to reinterpret Judy Chicago's iconic The Dinner Party, said a recent press release from SLC Arts. Featuring nine original place settings and tapestries, this exhibition honors the lives of groundbreaking local women from St. Lawrence County and the North Country alongside Chicago, a pioneering artist. Inspired by Chicago's feminist storytelling, the project amplifies historically marginalized voices and fosters community engagement. A speaker series will further the conversation on feminism, art, and historical revisionism. The installation includes a donation drive for Renewal House, a local nonprofit supporting victims of domestic violence. "This exhibition is about reclaiming overlooked histories, celebrating local women, and demonstrating the power of collective creativity," said Erica Kelso, SLC Arts Executive Director. For more information, including exhibition dates and speaker series details, visit slcartscouncil.org.

Children's Museum offering spring classes

POTSDAM — The North Country Children's Museum Spring Class Series will run from March 5 to May 16, offering ten sessions for \$95. Museum members receive a 10% discount. Scholarships available. Preschool classes with a caregiver are held on Wednesdays from 10:10 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. for the Preschool Class with Caregiver. On Thursdays, Toddler Music (for children ages 4 and under) takes place from 10:10 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. Fridays feature two sessions: Make A Mess Art (for ages 2-5) from 10:10 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. and Science Play (for ages 3-5), also from 10:10 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. After-school classes for grades K-5 are available for drop-off. A bus from Potsdam School is available upon parent request. On Wednesdays, Clay 'n Play runs from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., followed by Bugs, Bugs! (Entomology) from 4:15 p.m. to 4:55 p.m. On Thursdays, The Art of Monsters takes place from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., followed by Kitchen Chemistry from 4:15 p.m. to 4:55 p.m. On Fridays, Engineering Design Challenges runs from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., with Musical Games from 4:15 p.m. to 4:55 p.m. Register: programs@northcountrychildrensmuseum.org.

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Free tax help
MASSENA -- Tax-Aide will have one site open in St. Lawrence County for the 2024 tax year. Massena Community Center at 61 Beach Street, will be open Mondays and Tuesdays now through April 15, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Taxpayers must come during site hours to pick up and fill out an intake sheet. Taxpayers will be interviewed and asked to leave their documents in a large tax envelope. The Tax-Aide program is not limited to serving senior citizens; AARP does not discriminate based on age. For more information call AARP tax-aid Sheryl Campbell at (315) 212-0450.

Creative space for teens on spring break
POTSDAM—This April, SLC Arts will offer "Dreamscapes: Imaginative Worlds Through Mixed Media", a week-long creative program where teen artists will explore surrealist techniques and bring their unique visions to life over their spring break from school. The April Break Program runs from April 21-25, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for ages 11-17. The course will be led by artist Janice Pease, who will guide students through collage, watercolor, and surrealist-inspired mixed media techniques. Participants will create original pieces that will be displayed at the Creative Spirit Community Arts Center on Raymond Street in Potsdam through mid-May, allowing the public to experience their artistic journeys. Registration cost is \$200 for the week, with a \$50 non-refundable deposit. To register, visit slcartscouncil.org/education.

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Registration is open for the workshop "Vegetable Production: Garlic and Brassicas", organized by Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County and the Eastern New York Commercial Horticulture Program (ENYCHP).

This opportunity is available for new and established farms of all skill levels.

The workshop is being held on Tuesday, March 11th, 9:30am-4:00pm at the Extension Learning Farm in Canton. The morning session is led by Crystal Stewart-Courtens of the ENYCHP.

This portion includes tips for growing great garlic from seed to post-harvest, advice for managing the invasive leek moth, and a discussion with a panel of experienced garlic growers.

The Brassica (cole) crop portion in the afternoon is led by Elisabeth Hodgdon of the ENYCHP. Brassica crops include cabbage, broccoli, kale, cauliflower and more.

The afternoon topics include pest and disease management, crop rotation, varieties, and planting dates.

Organic and conventional management will be covered for both topics. Two DEC pesticide recertification credits are available in categories 1A, 10, and 23. Participants must attend the entire day to receive the credits.

Participants can sign up for

morning only (9:30am-1:30pm), afternoon only (noon-4pm), or full day (9:30a-4:00pm), and all options include lunch sourced from area business Big Spoon Kitchen.

The registration fee is \$20 for half day, either morning or afternoon, or \$30 for full day. Payment can be made online or via check mailed to Cornell Cooperative Extension. See full agenda and sign up at stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu/events.

Contact the Local Food Program Leader, Flip Filippi with questions at (315) 379-9192, ext. 229 or mpf65@cornell.edu.

In the event of bad weather, the alternate day for this workshop is Thursday, March 13th.

If you are a veteran or active military, the full registration fee can be covered by AgVets, a program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County.

Please mark on the registration if you are a veteran who would like to use this subsidy to cover the class registration fee.

This workshop is sponsored by the Northern New York Agricultural Development Program and USDA Rural Business Development Funding. Extension is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities.



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Touring local kitchens to learn about food business

Last Saturday, Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County hosted a tour of area commercial kitchens as a closing event for their multi-part series 'Plan or Improve Your Food Business.' The participants gathered skills and connections to use in their own ventures. First the group visited Christoff Bemis at his new space as he grew from home baking to a commercial facility in Pierrepont for his business Earthbound Bread. Find his tasty sourdough loaves at Nature's Storehouse and Potsdam Food Co-op. The group also heard from Mike Morgan in his experiences building

Morgans's Munchies and Catering with his wife Lisa. Visit their food trailer at community events in the region or reach out to see if they may be able to cater your next big event. And finally, pictured above, the group is outside the Harvest Kitchen at the Extension Learning Farm after seeing the Farm to School crew from Big Spoon Kitchen efficiently process over 2,000 pounds of apples from Applewood Orchards bound for nearly two dozen St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES districts in the region.

Small Engine workshop planned at SUNY Canton

CANTON -- Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County is collaborating with SUNY Canton to host a Small Engine Maintenance and Repair workshop on March 15, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This course will be instructed by Neil Haney of SUNY Canton and will cover general maintenance and repair of two and four stroke engines including fuel systems, lubrication, and electrical systems.

Cost of registration is \$12 per person and includes lunch.

Registration can be found on the

CCE St Lawrence County website at stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu/events.

For more information about the Small Engine Maintenance and Repair workshop, contact Ag and Food System Program Manager Kayla Gugin at krg75@cornell.edu or 315-379-9192 ext. 227.

This workshop was made possible with funding from a United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business Development Grant. Extension values AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities.

Local Foods Winter Social planned for this weekend

CANTON -- The Local Foods Winter Social is planned for Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5-7 p.m.

Break up the long winter by gathering with fellow farmers and food business owners to enjoy good conversation and company.

Bring a dish to share and Extension will provide appetizers sourced from Big Spoon Kitchen along with a variety of refreshments.

There is no explicit agenda for the event, but educators in the Ag and Food System department will be on hand to chat with folks and we'll have details of upcoming programming and initiatives.

Participants are also welcome to tour the Harvest Kitchen and learn about the Fresh-cut Farm to School

Program that processes 2,000+ pounds a week of local produce.

The event will be held in the Front Classroom and next door at the Harvest Kitchen at the Extension Learning Farm.

The social is perfect for farmers, food producers, food entrepreneurs and food system workers.

Attendance at the Local Foods Winter Social will be limited to first 50 participants, reserve your spot by clicking below.

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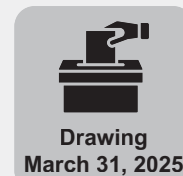
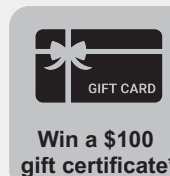
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Cardboard daredevils brave the SUNY Canton hill



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Camron Reynolds, of Rensselaer Falls, won Most Creative Sled for his helicopter at the 7th Annual Cardboard Sled Races. Camron said his sled was inspired by his grandpa, who was a veteran. The event was held at the SUNY Canton sledding hill Feb. 8, hosted by Nature Up North.



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Brooklyn Gollinger, of Russell, in her 'Corgi on the Run' sled and Kellen Harrington, of Canton, on his 'Team Sasquatch' participate in the 7th Annual Cardboard Sled Races. The event was held at the SUNY Canton sledding hill Feb. 8, hosted by Nature Up North.



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Canton resident Josiah Davis, with his 'Efficiency' sled, flew down the hill at SUNY Canton, winning for the farthest distance at the 7th Annual Cardboard Sled Races. The event was held Feb. 8, hosted by Nature Up North.



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Sage Kehr, a member of Nature Up North, races down the SUNY Canton hill on her 'Porcupine' sled at the 7th Annual Cardboard Sled Races. The event was held during Canton Winterfest on Feb. 8, hosted by Nature Up North.



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Pictured from left, Jon Pinckney, NYS Snowmobile Assn.; Ronnie Roberts, Colton Town Supervisor; Larry Denesha, Legislator District 6; Ken Blankenbush's Chief of Staff, Tammie Nabywaniec; Rick Perkins, Legislator District 7; Hank Ford, former Colton Town Supervisor and sportsmen's rights advocate; Scott Gray, Assemblyman District 116; and Debbie Christy, St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Assoc. president.

St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Association marks 50 years with anniversary celebration

SOUTH COLTON – Snowmobilers and local officials gathered on February 8 at the Raquette Valley Fish & Game Club to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Association.

The event, held in conjunction with 2025 International Snowmobile Day, drew a large crowd to honor the association's legacy and ongoing contributions to the sport.

A highlight of the event was the display of a new snow groomer and drag, set to enhance the grooming of county trails.

Long-time trail groomer Ernie Rose of Pierrepont was on hand to inspect the new equipment, which will play a crucial role in maintaining the region's snowmobile trails.

The celebration featured a strong turnout of dignitaries, including

John Pickney of the New York State Snowmobile Association, Colton Town Supervisor Ronnie Roberts, District 6 Legislator Larry Denesha, Ken Blankenbush's Chief of Staff Tammie Nabywaniec, District 7 Legislator Rick Perkins, former Colton Town Supervisor and sportsmen's rights advocate Hank Ford, Assemblyman Scott Gray of District 116, and St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Association President Debbie Christy.

Special guest Hank Ford was recognized for his advocacy and contributions to sportsmen's rights and outdoor recreation.

Assemblyman Scott Gray also took the opportunity to discuss his commitment to supporting North Country sportsman's issues with local officials.

The St. Lawrence County Snow-

mobile Association, which includes eight local clubs—the Childwold Sno Packers, Colton Sno Skippers, Dairyland Snowmobile Club, Grasse River Grooms, Heuvelton Punchlock Travelers, Tri-Town Trailblazers, Edwards Snowmobile Club, and St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Club—organized an array of activities to mark the occasion.

Outdoor festivities included an antique snowmobile show at Robideau's Mahogany Ridge, first-time rider snowmobile experiences, and a rescue display by the Colton Volunteer Fire Department. Indoor events featured a chicken barbecue, a drink and dessert bar, a DJ, raffles, and merchandise sales. Attendees also had the chance to win one of five \$100 gift certificates courtesy of event sponsor Fun Unlimited of Gouverneur.

47th Edward I. Moses Walk/Run to step off

The 47th annual St. Lawrence County Cancer Fund (SLCCF) Edward I. Moses Walk/Run for Life will once again be having multiple sites for 2025 holding its event in Potsdam at the Elk's Club as well as the traditional site in Canton at St. Lawrence University.

The Kinney Drugs Foundation is the primary sponsor of the event which will be held at both locations on Sunday, April 27 with registration beginning at 9 a.m. and the event beginning at 10 a.m.

SLCCF has been in existence since 1979 and was started by Kinney employees in memory of their late president, Edward I. Moses who lost his life to cancer. Since then it has raised and donated over \$2.6 million dollars to St. Lawrence County area cancer centers and other nonprofits who assist those in

St. Lawrence County who are affected by cancer. The SLCCF funds programs that work to educate the community and help with prevention, early detection and treatment of cancer for St. Lawrence County residents. Funds are also distributed to local non-profits who provide much needed direct financial assistance to families who are battling cancer so that no one fights alone.

All monies raised stay here in St. Lawrence County. In 2024 SLCCF gave out over \$68,000 in grants to seven different agencies and non-profits including The Richard E. Winter Cancer treatment center and Ryan's Wish along with newcomer The Community Health Center of the North Country. All money raised will help to meet the higher demand for cancer related services felt by our local cancer-care centers

at our local hospitals and non-profits such as St. Lawrence Valley Hospice.

Registration forms available at local Kinney Drug stores as well as on-line at www.walkrunforlife.com.

"As always, we have been working very hard on improving the event to create an enjoyable experience for everyone. We again this year will have a large raffle with various items donated by our generous community members and local business donors. Student volunteer groups will also be on hand with activities for kids so feel free to bring them along. We will also be inviting all of the programs that your fundraising efforts help to support so you can learn more about how the money raised is put to use right here in our community," said Dick Christy, SLCCF president.

Skating, shootout, open hockey in February break

POTSDAM — Free public skating and an Elks Shootout competition will be held during February break, thanks to the Potsdam Elks Lodge.

Open hockey will also be available during the winter break, with a \$5 cost.

Skate rentals, if needed, are \$3.

The winter break schedule at Pine Street Arena for Feb. 17-23:

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Sat. 2/22 - Open Hockey 2:15-3:15 p.m.; Public skating 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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3		2	1	7	6	4	5	
						8		1
6		9	8		4	7		3
	3		5			6	7	
	2		6			9		5
		8				3		2
1		3		6		5		
	5	7		3			9	
	9			1	5			

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Water, in Mexico
- 5 Sprite
- 8 Pedestal
- 12 Like holiday decorations
- 14 Ogled
- 15 D.C. veteran
- 16 Ms. Moore
- 17 Pentagon gp.
- 18 Mild cheese
- 20 Singer Mann
- 23 " — Las Vegas"
- 24 Not that
- 25 Verbal attack
- 28 Yr. parts
- 29 Some latte sizes
- 30 Cut the lawn
- 32 Italian corn-meal recipe
- 34 Race finish
- 35 Raps callions
- 36 Word list, for short
- 37 Goldberg on "The View"
- 40 — Lingus
- 41 Honker
- 42 Refines
- 47 Duel tool
- 48 Investigates
- 49 Holler
- 50 "Mayday!"
- 51 Taxpayer IDs

DOWN

- 1 Venomous viper

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
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47					48							
49					50				51			

- 2 Earth (Pref.)
- 3 "Friendly skies" co.
- 4 Stage com-ments
- 5 Oklahoma city
- 6 Fond du —
- 7 Fleet of ships
- 8 Pandemon-ium
- 9 Pro votes
- 10 Big rig
- 11 Tend texts
- 13 Oklahoma tribe
- 19 Currier's part-ner
- 20 \$ dispenser
- 21 Denny's rival
- 22 Japanese soup
- 23 Battery mea-sures
- 25 Primitive flutes
- 26 Apple desk-top
- 27 Club in a Manilow song
- 29 Office part-timer
- 31 Charlotte's creation
- 33 Toy train maker
- 34 Sculpted trunks
- 36 Bridal cover
- 37 Curds' part-ner
- 38 Great expec-tation
- 39 Hurler
- 40 Swiss peaks
- 43 Tic-tac-toe loser
- 44 Storefront sign abbr.
- 45 Poetic dusk
- 46 Hot wok sound

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College Association, Inc. at SUNY Canton has the following position open for the Spring 2025 academic semester: Line Cook-The Line Cook ensures quality and proper presentation of food on time, that food orders are prepared and assembled quickly according to recipes and procedures to avoid waste, and that the line is always stocked, neat, clean, and safe. This is a temporary position with the possibility of full-time. The hours for this position are Monday – Thursday 9:45am-4:30pm. Starting pay is \$15.50 per hour. Dishwasher- Under the supervision of the Dining Management, the Dishwasher is responsible for maintaining cleanliness and sanitation standards for china, glassware, tableware, cooking utensils, pots, pans, etc., using machine and manual cleaning methods. This position also ensures that the dishwashing area is clean, safe, and sanitary. This is a full-time seasonal position with a generous benefits package. The hours are Monday-Thursday 1:30pm-9:00pm, Sunday 10:00am-8:30pm. Starting pay is \$15.50 per hour. Send resumes to Nichole Todd, Human Resources Representative, College Association, Inc. SUNY Canton, 34 Cornell Drive, Canton, NY 13617 or at oshea109@canton.edu. College Association, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All offers of employment are subject to the applicant successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check.

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HEAD START
has the current openings:

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

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.

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): 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.

Home Based Visitors in various areas in St. Lawrence County: Must be at least 21 years of age and have a valid and clean NYS Driver's license. CDA credential, Early Childhood Education or plan of study required. Experience with preschool children preferred. Position includes weekly home visits with families. An agency vehicle is provided. The salary range is \$17.69 to \$18.87 per hour depending on the degree.

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.



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Skilled Trades - HVAC
Facilities Department

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SALARY RANGE: \$45,156 - \$47,000

11-MONTH POSITION

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

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- 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:

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- 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

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- Knowledge of Child Care Regulations and Licensing.
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- Experience designing and developing undergraduate courses relevant to the early childhood discipline.
- Knowledge of Online Learning Management Systems.

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Application Deadline: open until filled; application review begins immediately. For more information or to apply for the above positions, please visit:

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General Laborer

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EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL has an immediate opening for a FTE Ten Month LPN. Applications are due on Friday, February 14, 2025. Substitutes in all areas are also being accepted, this is an ongoing search without an application deadline. Applications can be submitted at www.ekcsk12.org. Transcripts should be sent to the attention of Brandi Graham, District Clerk, 2512 CR 24, Hermon, NY 13652.

The School of Education and Professional Studies at the SUNY College at Potsdam invites applications for a full-time (12-month) Advisor of Graduate Studies. Reporting to the Director of Graduate Studies, the successful candidate will be responsible for the academic advising of graduate students across a variety of the School's programs, including the MST in Childhood Education. The incum-

bent will also review applications, meet virtually with candidates and advisees, and collaborate with colleagues to develop orientation programming. Additional duties of the position will include participation in faculty governance, contributing to the assessment and accreditation activities of the School and College, and participation in partnership advisory committees. Required qualifications of this position include an earned bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, demonstrated proficiency with relevant technologies (e.g., Microsoft Suite), and demonstrated excellence in written communication skills. Applicants must submit a resume, letter of intent specifically addressing the responsibilities and candidate qualifications as stated in this position announcement, and a list of at least three (but no more than five) references with contact information. The anticipated start date is April, 2025. For more information regarding the application process and job requirements visit the Human Resource employment website: SUNY Potsdam Employment Site | Home. https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/5319_EOE

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Position opening: Head of School, St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Canton; starting Fall 2025. www.sienaacademy.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 louisville-newyork.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 LouisvilleTownClerk

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**Deadline for applications-
March 5, 2025**

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