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The Willow Street Smoke Shop, located in the “Square Mile” in the village of Massena, is at the heart of an ongoing lawsuit between owner Regina Thompson, the village and Mayor Greg Paquin.

Smoke shop owner suing Mayor

Alleges discrimination based on race

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The Village of Massena and Mayor Greg Paquin are being sued in a federal civil rights case by a member of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe.

According to court documents filed with the Northern District Court on Jan. 15, 2025, Regina Thompson is alleging that the village and Paquin have unlawfully discriminated against her on the basis of her race, violating her constitutional rights.

In the complaint, Thompson alleges she has faced harassment with regard to the operation of her business, depriving her of equal protection under the law.

Smoke shop claim

In her claim, Thompson said she opened the Willow Street Smoke Shop in December 2021, a convenience store and tobacco shop located at 54 Willow Street,

Ogdensburg has new K9 officer and handler

K9 Reed named to honor late Sgt. Scott Reed

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — A new police K9, named to honor the late Ogdensburg Police Sgt. Scott Reed, will join the city department in March.

Andrew Layng will serve as handler for Reed, a Labrador Retriever. The K-9 is being purchased from Bohemian K9, in Brockport and will be trained at a total cost of \$11,080.

Ogdensburg Police Chief Mark Kearns shared the plan at a recent city council meeting and said that the department was pleased to name the new K-9 to honor officer Reed.

The city's K9 unit has been a boon not only for the city police but also for the county as the police K9 is often called to assist other law enforcement agencies.

Kearns said the K9 unit is an important part of the city's police force and can be used in a variety of ways to support operations including detecting drugs, detecting bombs and helping locate missing people.

Reed is the third K9 to serve on the force.

Outgoing Schuyler is a Belgian Malinois, who worked alongside handler Ryan Polniak.

Schuyler was the second dog to serve on the force and was preceded by Labrador Retriever Kodiak, who served four years in the force alongside handler Mark Kearns, who went on to become Chief of Police.

Layng said becoming the next K9 officer was something he's always wanted to do.

"A lot of kids out there grow up wanting to be like their fathers and I am no different. My father is a retired detective sergeant from our department and since I was a kid I

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NYPA wants to raise rate by 256%

Legislators say that's too much, push back with resolution

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- The New York Power Authority is seeking a 256% rate hike that would impact residential customers throughout the North Country with electric bills rising anywhere from \$13 to \$30 per month based on usage.

Legislators passed a resolution during the Operations Committee meeting on Feb. 10 opposing the hike. The vote was thirteen in favor with two abstentions coming from John Gennett, who cited his employment, and Nicole Terminelli who cited her husband's employment.

A public comment period was opened on Dec. 24, 2024 related to its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to adjust the Preference Power rates, which directly impacts customers who receive low-cost hydropower from the Niagara and St. Lawrence-FDR power projects.

The 256% rate hike would lead to an increase from \$12.88/megawatt hour to \$33.05/megawatt hour in year four of the five-year NYPA rate increase, county officials said.

Legislator Rita Curran said the proposed increase is "astronomical" and something that working families cannot afford.

She urged residents to comment on the proposed hike in

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City sledder

Ogdensburg resident Samuel Ersek races down the hill at SUNY Canton on his 'red 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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Still a chance to comment on Liberty Utilities rate hike

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
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MASSENA -- A virtual public hearing will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to allow Liberty Utilities customers to weigh in on a proposed rate hike.

Liberty Utilities filed for an 11.45% rate increase in November, a move that would generate \$2.17 million in additional revenue for the company, according to the filing.

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

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

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

"Those wishing to comment on any aspect of this proceeding will have the opportunity to make a statement on the record at the virtual public statement hearings," said Richard Berkley, consumer advocate and director, Office of Consumer Services.

The new rate proposal, if successful, would raise monthly bills by more than \$10 for the average residential heating customers.

The amendment filed by Liberty Utilities in November would result in a 6.12% revenue increase for the rate year running from Nov. 1, 2025 through Oc. 31, 2026.

But the measure would not only increase residential rates but commercial and industrial rates as well.

For commercial customers using 549 therms per month, they would see a 1.9% increase.

Industrial customers using 40,786 therms per month would see a 4% increase.

In the filing, Liberty Utilities officials say they are focused on delivering "safe, resilient, and reliable service, meeting the needs of customers and advancing the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act."

To post a comment visit <https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/Comments/PublicComments.aspx?MatterCaseNo=24-G-0668>

Comments must be received by Feb. 20.

For those who wish to attend the 12:30 p.m. hearing, visit meetny.gov, webex.com and enter event number 2828 586 4114 with password Feb 13- 12:30 pm.

For phone access, call 1-929-251-9612, enter code 2828 586 4114 and password 33213012. To attend the 5:30 p.m. hearing, visit meetny.gov, webex.com, use event number 2819 828 1194 and password Feb 13- 5:30 p.m. To access by phone, call 1-929-251-9612, use access code 2819 828 1194 and password 33213053. Comments can also be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350.

For those who wish to call in comments, they can do so by calling the commission's Opinion Line by calling 1-800-335-2120 24 hours a day.

Lawmakers are calling on residents to submit their comments in a timely manner, including county legislators who are encouraging all residents to weigh in.

"Residents of St. Lawrence County, many of whom live upon a fixed income and who are already experiencing great financial burden due to rising costs and record-setting inflation over the past four years, will feel significant financial pressure if the requested rate increase is approved," legislators said.

Village of Massena Mayor Greg Paquin said he hopes residents use the opportunity to speak up and voice their concerns. "I encourage all residents using natural gas to make their opinion known through the public comment period," he said.

Correction

Massena figure skater Brooklyn Laguardor was misidentified in a photo of her performing in the Empire State Winter Games in the Feb. 8-14 edition. North Country This Week regrets the error.

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Signing copies in Ogdensburg

Local author Jim Reagan signs a copy of his newest historical North Country book, “Booze, Badboys & Bootleggers Volume 2: 1921 The Year of Violence” at The Wine, Beer, Food & Artisan Festival, held at Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg, Feb. 1. The event was presented by Seaway Festival Special Events.

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. An autopsy is scheduled for Feb. 11. Forensic Pathologist Dr. Scott LaPoint will examine 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..

O’burg firefighters respond quickly to Washington St. fire

OGDENSBURG – An early morning structure fire was quelled within an hour by Ogdensburg Professional Firefighters on Thursday.

The fire ignited in a home on the 1000 block of Washington Street just before 4 a.m.

Ogdensburg’s Captain Irvine and Shift 1 crews responded with Engine 3 and Quint 1, and arrived on scene within two minutes.

Crews determined that the fire that started in the home had spread into the walls, and utilized aggressive interior attacks to knock down the bulk of the fire in short order.

Crews worked for just under an hour in temperatures hovering around 10 degrees, and were back in service at 4:54 a.m.

Ogdensburg Police Department assisted with traffic control .

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REAL ID deadline

St. Lawrence County air travelers won’t be able to board flights beginning May unless they get identification that complies with REAL ID guidelines. Beginning May 7, anyone going through airport security to fly domestically will be required to have a REAL ID or another form of compliant identification.



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OBITUARIES

Frederick A. Toomey Sr., 86
Massena

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.

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



Frederick Toomey

Fred was an avid outdoorsman spending most of his weekends hunting and fishing.

He enjoyed bowling with friends at Pappy's in Massena.

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 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

Search
underway
for next
Nightengale
principal

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The search is on as Massena Central School officials seek the next Nightengale Elementary School principal following the resignation of Amy Wells, effective June 30.

The board of education accepted Wells' resignation during the December meeting as she plans to transition into the role of director of special education for the district.

She will assume the post on July 1.

According to Superintendent Ron Burke, current administrators in the district were polled to gauge interest for the position, however no one indicated a desire to fill the void.

"That's always a good sign that people are happy where they are," he said.

With the internal request complete, officials say they are now searching externally for a replacement at the school.

Those who apply are required to have an active School Building Leadership certification and a minimum of three years of teaching experience.

According to the posting, desired qualifications include experience in administration and supervision comparable to an elementary school.

Letters of interest, along with a completed application and certificate that shows an active School Building Leadership certification, three letters of recommendation and transcripts are due to the district office by Monday, Feb. 10.

The principal's position is not the only one the district is hoping to fill this year, with a number of vacancies in special education roles at Jefferson Elementary School and Madison Elementary School, along with a fifth grade teacher at Madison Elementary School, a math Academic Intervention Services teaching assistant at Madison Elementary School, along with science and social studies positions at the high school.

Other positions open include long-term health services staff members, speech and language pathologist, elementary art teacher, bus drivers and an English Language Learner teacher position.

Burke previously said that filling such roles has become increasingly difficult in recent years, due in large part to a smaller pool of applicants to draw from.

He said the district has done a great job of filling those roles despite the workforce shortage and is confident the district will once again be able to this year.

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.

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.



Irene Holland

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 Gault 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

RECENT DEATHS

SONYA ALLMAN, 52, Massena, Jan. 26. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

KATHERINE DZIEWISZ, formerly of Massena, Jan. 26. Arrangements with Cartwright-Venuti Funeral Home, Braintree.

LORRAINE RUBADUE, 98, Hammond, Feb. 2. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

JOHN MORLEY, Ogdensburg, Feb. 2.

JOHN MCDOUGALL, 85, Massena, Feb. 3. Arrangements with

Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

JOANNE MITCHELL, 67, Akwesasne, Feb. 3. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

FREDERICK TOOMEY SR., 86, Massena, Feb. 4. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

PENNY ELLIOT, 64, Heuvelton, Feb. 5. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

DENNIS TYNON JR., 83, Ogdensburg, Feb. 5. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

JOSEPH MASTINE, 65, Ogdensburg, Feb. 5. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

FREDA BILLINGS, 91, Lisbon, Feb. 6. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

JANE SHORETTE, 76, Feb. 8. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

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Semiconductor funding

CANTON — State and federal officials are working to build a "semiconductor highway" through New York, utilizing millions in federal funds. In December, Senator Chuck Schumer announced a \$32 million investment in Corning's Canton facility, which will add 130 new jobs. The project will generate about 175 construction jobs. Schumer said this funding agreement with the U.S. Department of Commerce would produce specialized glass critical for the semiconductor industry.



Photo submitted

Practice makes perfect

Cooper Lashomb focused on practicing fine motor skills, counting, and using a magnifying glass to describe all the different bugs during a Home Visit with Massena Head Start. St. Lawrence County Community Development Program Head Start is a school readiness program. They are currently accepting applications for 3 and 4 year old children. Contact them at 315-386-8574 for more information.

Indictments handed down by County Grand Jury

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.

Devon Delee, 29, and Lisia Noel, 27, both of Syracuse, were indicted on two counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance. It is alleged they were in possession of a half ounce or more of a narcotic drug with the intent to sell on Aug. 1 in the Town of Morristown.

Library of Congress honored Gendebien’s request to limit access to controversial interview, but now he’s asked them to repost it

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

The Library of Congress has removed online access to a 2013 TAUNY interview that was used as ammunition by Republicans to criticize NY-21 Congressional District hopeful Blake Gendebien, but it will be made available again soon.

A spokesperson at the Library of Congress said Tuesday that online access was removed at the request of Gendebien, but said it can be obtained onsite in the American Folklife Center’s reading room.

However, on Wednesday, the Library of Congress said that Gendebien has since requested that the audio interview be made available again and said they are working to make that happen as quickly as possible.

The interview, which included a harsh depiction of the North Country workforce, fueled Republican press statements criticizing Gendebien for comments he made about corrections officers and the local labor force.

North Country This Week became aware of the interview’s restricted access after a link in an earlier story which referenced the piece was no longer working.

That prompted an inquiry to the Library of Congress to determine why it had been removed.

“In this case, the subject of the interview requested that it be taken down from our site. We are typically generous in honoring these requests since they are personal narratives, however we keep the descriptive information online and make the collection accessible onsite in our reading room. That is what we’ve done in this case,” he said.

North Country This Week reached out to Gendebien regarding the situation and though they did not delve into details as to why the request was made, campaign officials provided the following statement on his behalf.

“This is what Albany and politicians do, they take statements out of context and launch deceiving attacks in an effort to fool voters. While my comments are readily available online, I will make the recording available again so DC and Albany party bosses can continue living in the past,” Gendebien said in the prepared statement.

“While they are dwelling on decades-old comments I’m focused on delivering a better future for the North Country -- fixing our broken immigration system and lowering prices for hardworking families.”

The decision to restrict access appears to be in conflict with the spirit of the Library’s existing policies, if not the technical policies.

“The Library’s Collections Policy Statements define in detail the scope of materials that can be added to its collections. That scope is intentionally broad and deep as befits the nation’s library. Thus, there are items in the collections that some will find objectionable or may challenge. For example, authors or publishers may request that particular materials be withdrawn from the collections. To meet its mission, though, the Library must include such materials in the Library’s collections. Barring exceptional legal or ethical circumstances, any requests to remove within-scope items on such grounds will be declined. A decision may, however, be made to restrict access to the materials. Requests for removal should be directed to the Collection Development Officer, who will coordinate as necessary with other Library stakeholders, including the Office of the General Counsel (OGC),” the policy says.

North Country This Week has sought further clarity on the policy from the Library of Congress officials who did not directly respond to the question.

The interview in question gives a candid description of rural farm life and was part of a larger series that included similar interviews with dozens of North Country farmers.

In the interview Gendebien said corrections officers “don’t have much self-worth,” and that Hispanic workers are better workers than local kids because they “don’t have practical independence and an ability to think and

‘I’m not a politician, I was a tired farmer and I spoke plainly.’

Blake Gendebien
Congressional candidate

the knowledge these guys do.” He also said that the local workforce is lacking and that those that are available come with baggage like domestic abuse issues, drinking problems and custody battles.

The interview was used to fuel political attacks by GOP Chair Ed Cox and others, but Gendebien remained unfazed by their comments and said he wore the attacks as a badge of honor.

In an early interview Gendebien 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.

Gendebien didn’t shy away from responding to specifics regarding the interview either. He said his comments about correction’s officers could have been worded better and that his intention was to convey 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.

Similarly he said his comments regarding the workforce were really about the difficulty in finding a solid workforce.

“Obviously I don’t think every employee available in the north country has domestic problems and an alcohol problem,” he said.

“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.

He said the decision by Republicans to use a decade-old interview as political ammunition shows they are scared he could flip the District blue.

“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.”

Although Republicans haven’t yet rallied behind a candidate to run against Gendebien, Executive Director of Super PAC Save American Freedom Alex DeGrasse criticized Gendebien for the removal request and issued the following statement on the situation.

“Far Left NY-21 Democrat candidate Blake Gendebien knows that his anti-American worker and anti-American family, pro-illegal amnesty positions including admitting to bailing out a criminal from ICE detention for \$10,000 makes him unelectable, which is why he desperately asked the Library of Congress to scrub his disastrous, career-ending public interview from their website. Blake is a coward and went as far as having the Library of Congress engage in censorship to hide his true beliefs from the voters of NY-21. Shameful.”





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Village of Massena selling surplus fire rescue truck, ambulance

Both vehicles out of service after purchases

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Village of Massena officials have signed off on the sale of an ambulance and heavy rescue crash truck, allowing for the vehicles to be transferred to other departments while netting the village a big chunk of money.

According to fire department Foreman Aaron Hardy, the department's 2010 International rescue truck has been sold to the Northfield Fire Department for \$160,000.

He said it was the right time to sell the vehicle, which was declared as surplus inventory, to make a fair amount of money back on the vehicle.

"We're very fortunate that this offer actually meets the needs of this department out of Massachusetts," he said.

Hardy said members of the Northfield Fire Department were happy with the vehicle size, noting that the size of the station's doors dictated what vehicles could be purchased.

He said members of the Northfield Fire Department visited Massena to measure the truck and take it for a test drive. He said they were "very pleased" with the condition of the truck and said it would fit their needs well.

Hardy informed village officials that all equipment from the truck has already been moved to another vehicle in the fleet, including extrication equipment.

Trustee Ken McGowan said he felt the sale was the right move, commenting that "making a few bucks on it while it still works" was

a great idea.

He also touched on the equipment that formerly outfitted the vehicle, saying the extrication equipment is now at the fire station and "redundant."

Fire officials took delivery of new battery powered extrication equipment last year, a move that has made servicing the community far easier, Hardy and McGowan both said.

Hardy previously said the new equipment is much faster to deploy and easier to maneuver for fire crews, allowing them to get into tighter areas and to work more efficiently.

In other action, village trustees also signed off on declaring a 2014 Chevrolet Duramax-Diesel 4500 ambulance as surplus property, allowing the village to sell the vehicle.

Mayor Greg Paquin informed trustees that the department is now phasing out the "last of the old guard" by offloading the vehicle, allowing the village to make a few dollars while switching to a three ambulance rotation.

Hardy previously said the ambulance in question had been "in and out of service several times" and was out of commission for weeks in 2024. At one point, he said the ambulance was in the shop more often than it was in service.

He also commented that with the sale of the ambulance, fewer resources will have to be expended to outfit the vehicles.

The 2014 ambulance will now be sold to Flynn Emergency Services for \$5,000.

State expands 'Red Flag Laws' to make courts notify state database of filings

Legislature considering more gun control bills

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.



North County Now photo by Debbie Morgan

New trail groomer displayed

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

Mayor of Rensselaer Falls not seeking reelection in November

Michael Hammond stepping down after five terms

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 Hammond's 10 years as mayor, significant improvements have been made in the village with future projects in the works for the next village leaders.

"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. The skills I have developed in governance—budget oversight, policy development, community engagement, and fostering strong partnerships—are essential in guiding school districts toward success. Just as I have worked to strengthen our village, I remain committed to shaping educational environments that empower students, educators, and families," 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."

Ogdensburg Airport adds Orlando flight

OGDENSBURG— Breeze Airways will pilot its first direct flight from Ogdensburg to Orlando this Thursday, Feb. 13.

The flight will take off at 11:55 a.m., and marks the beginning of the airline's twice-weekly service to the Orlando International airport.

Flights to Orlando will initially be offered each Thursday and Sunday until April 27.

Ogdensburg Airport Manager Charlie Garrelts said he was "excited to have direct to Florida flights back at OGS."

"These flights will work to increase the quality of life for our residents by giving them more options to fly from Ogdensburg," he added.

Ogdensburg Airport also offers daily direct flights to

Washington-Dulles International Airport.

Breeze was awarded a federal subsidy in 2024 to provide daily flights to Washington D.C. which are beginning to ramp up as time goes on. However their appeal is likely being hindered by the fact that the airline has not yet secured interline agreements with other airlines, which has made connecting flights difficult.

At a recent meeting Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority Officials said they were hopeful the Canadian draw for Florida flights would also be a boon for bridge traffic.

In other airport news, Garrelts said he's to secure a state grant that could bring deicing equipment to the airport which could help bring additional flights to the city airport.

SLC legislators oppose DEC plan to end Walleye stocking program

Chairman says volunteers are “ready to roll” and keep program alive

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 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.

Canadian Blackhawk helicopters to patrol northern border to stop illegal crossings

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

AKWESASNE -- North Country residents may soon see and hear Blackhawk helicopters patrolling near the border after Royal Canadian Mounted Police secured two additional helicopters for surveillance efforts.

According to a press release from the RCMP, the Blackhawks will “bolster surveillance and response capabilities” during operations to patrol, detect and respond to both north and southbound threats at the U.S.-Canada border.

Officials say the helicopters will be used to prevent illegal crossings of people, goods and drugs.

The Blackhawks will complement the RCMP’s existing fleet of nine helicopters, six of which provide border surveillance and support with cameras capable of thermal imaging, and another capable of hoisting operations.

“The addition of Black Hawks greatly increases the RCMP’s detection and response capabilities, offering rapid deployment and providing coverage when and where needed in between ports of entry, in line with the RCMP’s mandate,” RCMP officials said.

The Blackhawks will be deployed daily based on operational needs.

Though RCMP officials declined to release details on where the Blackhawks will be based or where they will be deployed, Akwesasne Mohawk Police say helicopter patrols may be seen in the area, including along the St. Lawrence River.

According to AMPS, the heli-

copters will coordinate with law enforcement agencies, including AMPS patrol units when operating in the Akwesasne area.

“The helicopters will be based in Ottawa and will patrol the Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick borders. Their presence does not indicate a specific threat but is part of broader border security efforts,” AMPS said in a statement.

According to AMPS, the helicopters may be seen operating at low altitudes when necessary, though efforts will be made to minimize noise disruptions.

“The RCMP has integrated these helicopters into its strategy alongside drones and surveillance towers for enhanced monitoring and are committed to local law enforcement partnerships,” AMPS said.

“AMPS remains committed to responding appropriately within our jurisdiction and ensuring community safety. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and we will work to address them,” they continued.

The news comes just over two weeks after Canada announced a \$1.3 billion investment to bolster security at the border and to strengthen the country’s immigration system following pressure from the Trump administration.

The funds include \$667.5 million for the RCMP, \$355.4 for the Canada Border Services Agency, \$180 million over six years for the Communications Security Establishment, \$77.7 million for Health Canada and \$20 million over five years for Public Safety Canada.

In an executive order issued on

Feb. 3, Pres. Donald Trump said Canada had failed “to arrest, seize, detain, or otherwise intercept drug trafficking organizations, other drug and human traffickers, criminals at large, and illicit drugs constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat, which has its source in substantial part outside the United States, to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.”

An executive order from Feb. 1, titled “Imposing Duties to Address the Situation at Our Northern Border” detailed how the government of Canada had taken immediate steps “designed to alleviate the illegal migration and illicit drug crisis through cooperative actions.”

The order noted that further time was needed to assess whether the steps “constitute sufficient action to alleviate the crisis and resolve the unusual and extraordinary threat beyond our northern border.”

Trump announced shortly after the Feb. 3 executive order that he would pause the expected 25% tariffs on Canadian goods entering the U.S., as well as the 10% tariff on Canadian Energy products. The order states the tariffs would be paused and not take effect until March 4, 2025 at 12:01 a.m. eastern time.

Trump also recently announced a 25% import tax on all steel and aluminum products coming from Canada, which will take effect on March 12.

That gives both sides a month to negotiate to avert the tariffs, which could prove detrimental to both sides of the border.

Facing four felonies after domestic incident Feb. 10

MASSENA -- A Massena man has been charged with four felonies stemming from a domestic incident on Feb. 10.

According to Massena Police, Jeffrey P. Smoke Jr., 42, was charged with strangulation 2nd (D Felony), assault 2nd: intent to cause injury with a weapon (D Felony), criminal mischief 3rd: property value greater than \$250 (E Felony), aggravated family offense (E felony), unlawful imprisonment (A Misdemeanor), menacing 3rd (B Misdemeanor) and two counts of criminal possession of a weapon 4th; intent to use (A Misdemeanor).

Police say Smoke was arraigned in town of Massena Court and remanded to the custody of St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility.

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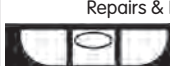
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Assumptions
aren't facts

Thank-you Mr. Wilson (1/18/25) for reinforcing that NCN letter-writers should focus on reality-based concepts and ideas (not personal attacks against fellow community members).

The 132,559 registered NY-21 Democrats take enough abuse already from ill-informed MAGA trolls on social media.

Then, broadcast/print media chimes in blaming the Democrat Party for “not picking a candidate capable of defeating Trump”.

But they don't condemn the GOP itself for running a questionable candidate a second time. Unbelievable.

Profit-driven media thinks it's OK to toss out vague accusations and assumptions without providing context or fact-based information. But people receiving false information about election fraud stormed the Capitol and mass shooters were influenced by twisted information on the dark web.

A person believing media that confirms their already-acquired assumptions can't know what details are being left out.

That's where learning additional, academically-verified information comes in.

People are told being “liberal” is a negative thing, despite the dictionary definition: “willing to explore and/or respect perceptions different from one's own”.

(Shouldn't all Americans be liberal in understanding that every citizen is entitled to constitutional rights - instead of deciding that women, Blacks being beaten by

police or LGBTQ individuals aren't?) People reading the entire 818-page Mueller Report (as I did) rejected the “No Collusion” headline.

Thirteen Russians were convicted, with legal evidence taken under oath, of interfering in 2016 to help get Trump elected. Accurately-informed people understood Trump was covering it up and ignored his whimpering about a “witch hunt”.

People examining the text of Democrat-proposed bills and the actual roll call vote (as I did), knew that Stefanik and the entire GOP were blocking bills designed to help US workers, families and the military.

They recognized Stefanik's deception in taking credit for bills she'd voted against.

Evidence reveals that Libertarians have infiltrated the government (not Democrat “liberals”). They've culled Republican politicians and acquired multiple media conglomerates.

Over 90 Libertarian organizations, Musk (donating \$277M) and The Heritage Foundation's Koch family (donating \$43.3M) desire a radical take-over to eliminate all federal oversight.

Using Trump as their puppet, Libertarian billionaires hope to deconstruct democratic, constitutional government and grant the richest Americans even more wealth.

Only 31.9% of the popular vote chose our President. (77.2M for Trump, 74.9M for Kamala, 90M didn't even vote). How did we end up with this “de-mock-crazy”? Too many opinions based on “assumptions”. Too few facts.

Martha Hodges
Massena

Plants need protection
from snowmobiles

I live along a major snowmobile roadside trail.

Since purchasing my house in 2022 I have been practicing regenerative gardening practices and attempting to establish an edible landscape.

We have purchased the best, cold hardy, edible plants in the northeast from St. Lawrence Nursery in Potsdam, and foraged for other native plant species.

Again, I understand I live on a major snowmobile trail, and as a result I have respectfully left plenty of space (at least 16 feet from the roadside) for folks to enjoy their outdoor recreation, but unfortunately it has impeded on my own ability to do so.

Although some plants are currently insignificant in size, I have taken a considerable amount of time and money investing in my space.

It is without fail every year the conditions are good enough, that

snowmobilers will take the liberty to ride freely in my lawn, cut corners, etc. resulting in the severing of plants that I've planted and watched grow for going on 3 years.

You might find solace and recreation from going fast behind a revving engine but I find mine in curating a space that will provide me sustenance for many years to come.

Snowmobilers, I am begging, because I experience heartbreak every time I lose one of these plants, to have some decency while you're riding.

Stick to the roadside!

McKay Burley
Massena

Supervisor grateful
for donation

On behalf of the Town Council of Massena and the Celine G. Philibert Cultural Center and Museum, thank you so much to the Northern New York Community Foundation for the grant of \$5,000 that was awarded to support the purchase of the storage building at our museum.

It was so very helpful in completing the purchase.

It was especially important in assisting the preservation of our Massena historical artifacts.

The Town of Massena recognizes the generosity of donors to the Northern New York Foundation in our region who support our heritage and share our endeavors to sustain what we have grown to appreciate.

Susan J. Bellor
Supervisor Town of Massena

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

NCNOW SURVEY



Majority would like to see growth in manufacturing in the county.

Manufacturing 17%

Retail 12%

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Last week's question

What type of industries or businesses would you like to see in SLC?

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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in the General Election.

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

Buy local flowers
for your Valentine

Valentine's day is this week. When ordering flowers, let's go back to the old days before computers. People don't realize when you place your order online it costs 40 percent more.

The flower shop only gets approximately 60 percent (or maybe less) of the money, the rest goes to the wire service.

Avas Flowers, Just flowers, From You Flowers, Blossom Flowers, are all call centers.

They are not florists, they are call centers from overseas who transfer the order to a local shop to where the recipient is.

Also when you call a shop directly they will sell you what they have in stock, and you only pay for what you're getting, not hidden fees.

When ordering on line there are fees for just about anything, which will cost you more.

Most shops will have a large selection anyway.

It is impossible to carry all flowers, we are not Amazon.

So if you plan on ordering flowers this week, or any time, call a local shop.

Not only will you only be charged for what you're getting but you will know what that is because the sales person will work with you to get you what you want, no middle man, no surprises.

Keep in mind, the cost of roses will be a little higher, because the flower shops have to pay more.

Be patient , we all will do our very best.

Christine Domena
Waddington

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SPECIAL OFFER

Massena housing options
limited for visiting anglers

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Anglers who attend tournaments in Massena hope to see more housing options within and closer to Massena, according to a survey conducted by grant writer Linda McQuinn.

McQuinn updated town board members of her findings during the board's January meeting, noting that many anglers stay outside of Massena due to limited options.

"What we have found is that many travel from much further away than just the neighboring towns. For some, it comes down to long term stays. For others, it comes down to space for their family," she said.

But overall, McQuinn said anglers generally do not have enough options in the Massena area.

She said it is something she and sport fishing promoter Don Meissner hope to see change in the coming years as more tournaments come to the area.

McQuinn said she was able to compile a great deal of information from anglers in both 2022 and 2024, with just one angler failing to complete the survey last year.

"It was truly remarkable to see 287 responses," she said.

Those surveys, which were part of the Toyota Series tournament hosted by Major League Fishing, will play a crucial role moving forward, she said.

Other interesting tidbits from the survey include the origin of most anglers. In total, 218 were from the United States, while 28 were international residents in 2024.

A total of 41 were from New York.

McQuinn also broke the figures down further to show the growth in participation from certain states.

Texas, New Jersey and Maryland saw the most growth, she said.

"We broke it down in terms of the top 10 non-New York states. So, you can see that we have a lot of anglers coming from Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio, Alabama, North Carolina, Tennessee and Indiana," McQuinn said.

Anglers also said they were staying longer, with thirty saying they stayed more than two weeks. That's up from 26 in 2022.

A total of 104 anglers stayed for more than a week, up slightly from 103 in 2022.

McQuinn said that trend is encouraging because it could mean

new anglers are coming to the area to practice before the tournaments, to compete and then stay after as well.

That means a greater economic impact for the region, she said.

One of the more telling aspects of the survey included lodging, with more anglers opting to use camp-sites. That figure rose from 43 to 54 in 2024.

Hotel use declined slightly, down to 107 from 115 in 2022.

Airbnb saw a significant increase, from 79 to 100 anglers between 2022 and 2024.

"We've speculated that perhaps they might start out in a hotel, and then they decide this is too expensive and will shift slightly and go to an Airbnb, or they might decide that a campground is what they want do," McQuinn said.

St. Lawrence County Chamber Director Ben Dixon was also in attendance at the meeting, commenting that the county has seen a "significant increase in Airbnb options" in recent years.

He credited events such as the Major League Fishing tournaments as a major catalyst for the expansion.

While numbers of anglers are up, so are revenues, McQuinn said.

McQuinn said total revenue rose from \$429,430 total in 2022 to \$618,145 in 2024.

Anglers from New York alone accounted for \$82,000 in 2024, she said.

She said those figures do not account for support staff who help put on the events not, nor does it account for families as McQuinn and Meissner did not interact with any of the families who have spent money in the area as visitors to come watch the events.

This is simply the anecdotal reports from the anglers, but it does coincide with what we've seen from Major League Fishing. They've reported that at their events, we can see anywhere from \$1.2 to \$1.5 million. So, that's really very, very good for communities like our town," McQuinn said.

McQuinn said 2025 will be a banner year for Massena, with multiple tournaments planned throughout the summer season.

Three Major League Fishing tournaments will be hosted by the town, including the Phoenix Bass Fishing League- Northeast Division No. 2 on July 12, the Tackle Warehouse Invitational- Stop No. 6 from July 25-27 and the Toyota Series Northern Division No. 2 from Aug. 14-16.

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Greenhouse planned in Massena but
roadblocks remain for final approval

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- A greenhouse in the town of Massena has received a preliminary approval from the St. Lawrence County Planning Board but with a handful of conditions.

The 453,000-plus-square-foot facility will cover roughly 10 acres and is expected to supply fresh produce to the northeast with crops like lettuce.

Confluent Energies Inc. has proposed the project, which will be located in an industrial zone as part of a lease from Arconic.

County officials say the company is leasing 79 acres total from Arconic, with the project expected to be completed in two phases.

Confluent is expected to employ around 42 employees for phase one and around 141 employees for all phases, though the planning board only reviewed phase 1 recently.

Further review will be required when Confluent intends to begin on phase two, officials said.

As part of the agreement with Arconic, Confluent is expected to lease space for accounting, customer service and sales, with a new building to be constructed.

That building will be the greenhouse, which Confluent said is not required to go through code review since it is considered an agricultural building.

But planning board members disagreed with that assessment, arguing such structures can be subject to code review.

County officials said the structure should be subject to the building code in its entirety due to not meeting the definition of an agricultural building.

But Beardsley Architects + Engineers representative John MacArther informed the county that discussions with Town Code

Enforcement Officer Patrick O'Brien ran contrary to that belief, with O'Brien agreeing the greenhouse portion was considered agricultural.

Under that belief, the growing portions of the head house, the irrigation room, germination and transplanting areas were also considered agricultural areas, he said.

MacArther said other areas, such as the boiler room, storage and processing areas were considered industrial occupancy, requiring a review under the building code.

One aspect of the project that the county Planning Board requested be remedied was greenhouse glow from the grow lights, officials said.

That needs to be remedied before moving forward.

Another aspect that Confluent Energies is seeking a change for is the requirement for parking spaces, 756 to be exact.

That's due to town code requirement but Confluent argues that 39 spaces would be sufficient given the size of the operation.

That change will likely require an area variance.

In the end, the county Planning Office recommended approval with three conditions, including lighting on the property to be down-cast, dark sky compliant and a lighting plan to address "greenhouse

glow" should be submitted.

County officials also suggested coordinating with the town Highway Department regarding a curb for road access. A wastewater management plan was also suggested after Planning Board members raised concerns about wastewater management.

Officials with Confluent said the three waste streams associated with the project would enter Arconic's wastewater treatment plant and be processed through the facility.

Confluent officials said the report, which was presented to the county Planning Board for wastewater management, has also been submitted to Arconic for review.

Board member Kenneth Bellor said he has reviewed the report with Arconic officials, noting that they were "very surprised with the detail of the project" and that the location manager and environmental superintendent were "not aware of the project detail."

He said leadership was "totally caught by surprise."

In response, Bellor said it was strongly suggested Confluent leadership meet with Arconic officials to review the project in detail, in particular from a project management standpoint.

"Arconic is the critical path on this project," he said.



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Art museum donation

OGDENSBURG – SeaComm recently donated \$500 to the Fred-eric Remington Art Museum. The funds will be used to support the museum's expansion of educational programming.

Microcredentials program

POTSDAM – SUNY Potsdam has launched its first career-focused microcredentials to help students gain targeted skills in high-demand fields. The initial five programs,

LAWSUIT . . . Mayor and village accused of discrimination

agreement, the “Square Mile” was not included as a portion of tribal territory that could be reclaimed by the tribe, however thousands of acres in the towns of Brasher, Massena, Fort Covington and Bombay were included.

Thompson’s store, which includes a drive-thru, received a site plan review by the St. Lawrence County Planning Board on Aug. 11, 2022, who approved the plan on the condition that the drive-thru be redesigned to exit onto Woodlawn Ave. instead of Willow Street.

Thompson alleges in her claim that the County Planning Board also recommended the Village of Massena Planning Board take into account the parcel is located within the “Square Mile,” which could impact land use regulations.

Thompson also alleges the County Planning Board recommended combining her three parcels into one “to accommodate future expansions.”

Court documents state the Village Planning Board then took action and approved the site plan during the Aug. 15, 2022 meeting, under the condition the parcels be

combined into one and a fence be erected around the business and drive through.

In her claim, Thompson alleges no other businesses in the village have been required to combine their parcels to receive approval from the Village Planning Board.

Claims cited

Thompson also cited numerous instances during which Paquin and former Mayor Jim Hidy addressed concerns over illegal shops and unlicensed operations in the village.

One such meeting was the Aug. 15, 2023 village board meeting, during which Hidy commented “We didn’t think the natives were gonna come in but that situation has not been resolved yet.”

Code Enforcement Officer Aaron Hardy also addressed the situation multiple times, stating that each location had a fire inspection and went through site plan reviews that allowed them to operate a business in those spaces.

As far as proper licensing and taxation, those matters fall to the state, village officials said on multiple occasions.

Multiple attempts by NCTW to reach the state Department of Taxation have gone unanswered.

Court documents cite two other occasions during which North Country This Week reported on comments made by Hidy and Paquin during public meetings, including one instance when Paquin commented “the Massena Square Mile does not exist. It never has and is not an obstacle for the State of New York to come here and work with us.”

Blockade of drive-thru?

Thompson alleges that between Oct. 2023 and Jan. 2024, the village of Massena took direct action to “blockade” her drive-thru with concrete barriers.

Photos included with court documents show multiple barriers behind the building and along the adjacent sidewalk, a measure that prevented Thompson from “orienting and operating her drive-thru in the manner recommended by the County Planning Board.”

Court documents also cite a change to a village code to prohibit parking on the south side of Willow Street, running between Somerset Ave. and Woodlawn Ave.

That motion was approved unanimously by the board.

Thompson alleges the new code affects only one block, the one in which her business is located.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF LAND DISPUTE

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

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

Claimant: Catherine Joyce Leaf
313 Helena Road
Akwesasne, N.Y. 13655

Respondent Todd L. Papineau
313 Helena Road
Akwesasne, N.Y. 13655

Property in Dispute: Lot 212

Case Number: 24-LND-00004

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



Ogdensburg Police Officer Andrew Layng is pictured with K9 Reed. The pair is set to hit the streets in March.

Going a step further, Thompson alleges Paquin’s comments during the Jan. 2024 village board meeting shows bias as he spoke specifically about Thompson’s shop.

Paquin had questioned why the Planning Boards had allowed Thompson to move forward with her drive-thru, “indicating that the parking restriction was imposed specifically to target the parking available” around Thompson’s shop, court documents state.

Barricades to remain

Court documents also allege Paquin commented during a public meeting that the concrete barricades would remain until Thompson installed a fence around the drive-thru.

Documents also claim Paquin commented that the village “interceded and acted” when Thompson failed to install a fence in a timely manner.

The lawsuit alleges no other businesses on Willow St. are required to surround their business with a fence.

Combination unnecessary

Court documents state Thompson spoke with Britney Rushlow, assessor for the Town of Massena, who informed Thompson she was unsure why Thompson’s parcels would be required to be combined, noting that many other businesses operate on uncombined parcels.

According to the claim, Thompson alleges Rushlow suggested Thompson confirm the requirement with the village due to the potential additional expenses incurred by obtaining a new deed.

Discrimination inferred

Thompson also alleges in her suit that her business has been subjected to increased police activity and a higher than normal police presence.

She also claims she is being discriminated against due to being a Native American member of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, operating with a tribal license.

Thompson claims she has had to bear additional expenses and delays due to “arbitrary conditions imposed on Plaintiff and her shop by the Village Planning Board,” though she does not go into further

details regarding the claim.

She alleges she has also suffered emotional distress and harm as a result of the alleged discriminatory harassment, obstruction and uncertainty as related to her shop.

Claims for relief

Thompson is seeking the removal of all barricades around her business, the elimination of parking restrictions on Willow St., a financial judgement against Paquin and the village in an amount to be determined at trial, a financial judgement for her lost business, punitive damages against Paquin and the payment of attorney’s fees incurred by the lawsuit.

The village is represented by Attorney Matt McArdle, who will likely defend Paquin as well, though he is being sued personally and not within his official capacity as mayor.

K9 . . . Ogdensburg has new K9 officer and handler

knew I wanted to be a police officer because of that. I’ve also had a love for dogs since I was young and I can’t recall many memories that my home has been without several dogs at once,” he said. “When I was in high school and started to think seriously about getting into law enforcement I knew right away that I wanted to be involved with our K9 program. I checked a lot of boxes for me. I’m now in my seventh year with our Department and have had some opportunities to assist K9 Reed and my predecessors Sgt. Polniak and K9 Schuyler during their work. That perspective helped confirm my aspirations to become a handler.”

He said the decision to name the officer after Sgt. Reed was made by the chief and supported by the department as a way to honor someone who was important to the department.

“I believe the decision to name K9 Reed after Sgt. Reed was made by Chief Kearns. Chief Kearns and

many of our senior officers had close personal relationships with Sgt. Reed. We are always looking for a way to honor his memory.”

Layng said he hopes it will make Reed’s family proud.

Layng said police K9’s are a cornerstone to the police department. He said they can make a difference in finding missing children, locating evidence needed to prosecute crimes or aid in apprehending wanted persons.

“K-9 units are an important resource for any type of interdiction, in most instances they are the key to drug seizures,” he said.

Reed is a year and half old male black lab and will have a certification in AWDA narcotics detection and AWDA tracking soon.

“K9 Reed and myself are set to finish training and begin work with patrols after March 7 of this year.”

NYPA . . .

Public comment period on rate hike about to end

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 commented 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.

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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.



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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.



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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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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.

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.



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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.

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.

FREE, bring a dish to share.

Register: https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=social-2025_240.

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Photo submitted by MAA

Student Summer Thompson-Garrow was given Honorable Mention at the Massena Artists Association Open Art Show for "Drifting."

Massena Art Show has 50 artists

MASSENA — The Massena Artists Association (MAA) kicked off their 2025 Open Show at the Massena Public Library February 8 with a reception and awards.

This year a total of 50 artists participated in the show, with 72 pieces entered.

The Open Show features members, other adults and Massena Central High School art students.

The student artist work was judged by adults and the award winners are:

1st place: Carter Manning, The Reminiscent Background
2nd place: Cristhian Salvador Monteiro, Under the Bridge
3rd place: Kairi Weber, Innocence
Honorable Mention #1: Enola Christman, Celadon Orc
Honorable Mention #2: Summer Thompson-Garrow, Drifting

The adult artist work was judged by students and the award winners are:

1st place: Joanne Deleel, Tranquil Evening

2nd place: Carolyn Cook, Birch Trees

3rd place: Sharon Brothers, Feeding Time

Honorable Mention #1: Har

Rayme, Greener Pastures

Honorable Mention #2: Mona Zillah, Whether They Like it or Not

The show is open to the public through Friday, March 7th.

Some of the artwork is for sale, with all proceeds going directly to the artist. To purchase artwork, contact: maapresident2024@gmail.com.

The Massena Artists Association will have 3 additional shows this year:

May 17th – June 7th Juried Art Show; Aug. 30 – Sep. 20 Oversized Art Show Display; and Oct. 18th – Nov. 8 MAA Membership Show.

If you are interested in participating in future shows, or would like to join the

Massena Artists Association, please contact maapresident2024@gmail.com.

Sweethearts & Snowflakes fundraiser set for Feb. 15

RENSSELAER FALLS — The countdown to Falls Festival 2025 officially begins this weekend with a Sweethearts & Snowflakes Fundraiser, set for Saturday, February 15, at Rensselaer Falls Fire Hall.

Doors open at 7 PM, and tickets are available at the Falls Market & Deli, with committee members and at the door.

This annual mid-winter celebration is the first major fundraiser for Falls Festival 2025, scheduled for

Sept. 5-6. With live music, raffles, food, and dancing, Sweethearts & Snowflakes is a great way to support.

This year's event features a performance by Another Fine Mess, a crowd-favorite band known for their high-energy mix of rock, country, and classic hits.

Guests will also enjoy: Raffles, prizes, themed cocktails, food and local community spirit. Every dollar raised at Sweethearts & Snowflakes goes directly toward Falls Fest 2025.

Ogdensburg skaters compete at Empires

OGDENSBURG — A dozen figure skaters from the Ogdensburg Figure Skating Club competed at this year's Empire State Games in Lake Placid.

Skaters ranged in age from 5th grade to freshman in college and represented several local schools, coached by Lisa Cardinal, Lauren Morley and Hillary Skelly.

All of the skaters competed individually, while some also took to the ice under the direction of Lisa Cardinal and her synchronized skating programs. Tinley Charlton and Sophie Nugent both took home bronze medals for their performance with the Ice Angels. Eight skaters competed with the Rainbow Connection earning 4th place: Emma Barr, Madalynn Costello, Averie Farrand, Kyra McCarthy, Madison Miller, Brynn Morley, Marina

Perry and Ella Ramsdell.

Individual competitors and their placement: Emma Barr 5th, Tinley Charlton 5th, Madalynn Costello 2nd, Averie Farrand 3rd, Bella McCarthy 2nd, Kyra McCarthy 5th, Madison Miller 2nd, Brynn Morley 3rd, Sophie Nugent 5th, Marina Perry 1st, Ella Ramsdell 2nd, and Kayden Skelly 5th.

"The club is extremely proud of the skaters and how well they represented the North Country. There are always lessons to be learned both on and off the ice when going to competitions and this year was no different; skaters all held their heads high demonstrating their athleticism, perseverance and love for the sport throughout the weekend," said coach Lauren Morley.

Local author to read from newest book

OGDENSBURG - In celebration of Black History Month, Bryan Thompson, author of "African Americans of St. Lawrence County: North Country Pioneers" will give a reading of excerpts from his book.

The reading will be presented at the Ogdensburg Public Library, Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m.

Thompson will be available to sign copies of his book following the presentation. Thompson, the

Town of De Kalb Historian, is a seventh-generation resident of St. Lawrence County. He has written more than 50 articles on local history. Thompson spent over fifteen years researching his book.

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Among the performers in “Building the Pyramids” group number at the Massena Figure Skating Club’s “Night at the Museum” Ice Show Feb. 9 were Ryleigh Jenkins, Aliyah Johnson, Lantana Terrance, Elle Cree, Aliya Otis and Savannah Mehlberg.

Skaters present ‘Night at the Museum’

MASSENA — About 80 Massena Figure Skating Club members, from beginners to senior level skaters, showcased their talents at the annual ice show. This year’s theme was “Night at the Museum”. Each performance brought history to life as skaters glided, spun, and jumped through time with artistry and skill. The show was held at Massena Arena Feb. 9.

StepCrew to present dynamic dance show

OGDENSBURG— Prepare for an electrifying evening of percussive dance as The StepCrew takes the stage with a stunning fusion of Irish, Tap, and Ottawa Valley step dancing. The performance, set for Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Ogdensburg Free Academy auditorium, will showcase the similarities and differences between these three dance styles. Leading this ensemble is Cara Butler, recognized as the Chieftains’ top Irish dancer for over 30 years, along with Jon and Nathan Pilatzke, renowned as Canada’s premier Ottawa Valley Step dancers. The show will also feature three world-class fiddlers and a five-piece ensemble. The StepCrew has entertained audiences around the world for the past 14 years, performing at major Irish and Celtic festivals and building a loyal following. “Known for their contagious energy, the company delivers a show that is sure to leave audiences in awe,” OCP said in a press release. Tickets are \$19 to \$43, with discounts available for seniors, students, ‘Friends,’ and groups of 15 or more. Info: ILoveTheatre.org, call 315-393-2625, or email ocp@ogdensburgk12.org.

‘10 Courageous Women’ production to be staged

OGDENSBURG — St. Lawrence County Historian Nancy LaFaver is hosting a free special event on Sunday, March 16 at 1 p.m. at the Ogdensburg History Museum, 207 Ford St. LaFaver and friends will be presenting a Readers’ Theater-style performance of “10 Courageous Women of St. Lawrence County,” highlighting the remarkable achievements of women in the county. Attendees can learn about inspiring stories of women who broke social norms, drove policies, and changed lives for women in St. Lawrence County. In celebration of Women’s History Month, LaFaver will share insights on these courageous women. The presentation features notable women such as women’s suffragist Marion Sanger Frank, artist Sally James Farnham, and physician Dr. Mary Bryan. Light refreshments will be served while attendees mingle and discuss the presentation. For more information, visit www.ogdensburghistorymuseum.com.

WHAT’S GOING ON

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

Casale and Cru concert

SANFORDVILLE - Mary Ann Casale and Tas Cru will perform a house concert at The Hermitage (Robin McClellan’s home) on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. No cover charge, but a donation jar will be circulated (US and Canadian dollars, Euros, and Swiss Francs accepted) to support the musicians. 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.

Create a webpage

NORFOLK -- Creating your own web page is easier and more fun than 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@ncls.org, 1 Hepburn St.

Family wellness walk

MASSENA -- A family friendly Wellness Walk will be offered at the Nicandri Nature Center Saturday, Feb. 15, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Walk or snowshoe a half mile loop with displays, and outdoor and indoor campfires. The event is hosted by North Country Wellness Resource.

Food Distribution

MASSENA - There will be a food distribution for St. Lawrence County residents only on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 8:30-10 a.m. at St. Peter’s Outreach Ministry, 128 Main St. The distribution will close earlier if items are depleted.

Friends book sale

BRASHER FALLS -- The Badenhausen 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.

Gnome painting class

MASSENA -- A gnome porch sign painting class will be held Saturday, Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. at the Massena Public Library. Cost is \$50 and includes supplies. Local artist Theresa Gabor will have the project pre-drawn on a 16” x 32” sanded plywood. Text Teresa at 315-250-2822 to register.

Moonlight ski, snowshoe

MASSENA -- A moonlight ski and snowshoe event will be held on the Nicandri Nature Center trails Saturday, Feb. 15. Guided groups will leave at 6 and 7 p.m. The event is free, including equipment loans. Arrive early if borrowing equipment. The event is weather dependent.

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. Saturday, February 15. 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. 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. , Saturday, February 15, 2025. Wendy Chambers, wchambers384@gmail.com, 315.212.0520. 9 West Main Street, Norfolk, NY.

Oil painting class

WADDINGTON - The Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts will offer the class “Got the Blues” oil painting on Saturday, Feb. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Old Town Hall, 38 Main St. Cost: \$55. Rita Goodwin will teach a reproduction of this original oil painting by Wilson Bickford. All skill levels welcome. Materials provided. Min 10, max 25. Bring lunch and a drink. Must pre-register. Email: lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com, phone Rita at 315-742-2620 or Bonnie Grant at 315-705-5198. Saturday, February 15, 2025.

Pet Adoption Event

OGDENSBURG -- Tractor Supply in Ogdensburg is hosting a Pet Adoption Event on Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1051 Park Street. The event, free and open to the public, aims to connect adoptable pets with new families and educate attendees about the adoption process. For details, call 315-393-8323.

Poker run

HEUVELTON - Heuvelton Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host a Snowmobile Poker Run on Feb. 15 starting at 5:30 p.m. \$10 registration. Must be 18 to enter. Mandatory 4 stops and 1 card from Amvets Post 1997. Extra card can be purchased for \$5. Best poker hand wins. There will be 10 locations. Proof of stops will be provided by the locations. Participants must be back to the post by 5:30 p.m. and show proof of stops. Snowmobiles and vehicles are welcome. NO ATVs on trails. There will be food, door prizes, raffles, 50/50, music, dancing and a good time. For information, contact Kevin 315-276-4292. .

Rock-n-Skate

OGDENSBURG -- Rock-N-Skate will be held at Lockwood Arena Saturday, Feb. 15 from 6 p.m - 8 p.m.

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

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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., Badenhausen Library, Brasher Falls;Book Sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Badenhausen Library, Brasher Falls; I Spy all week Feb. 10-15, 3 p.m. Saturday deadline, Badenhausen Library, Brasher Falls;Parade 11 a.m., starts at SLC School, ends at ABCD Hardware, Winthrop; Bippiti event \$, noon-3 p.m., Lavish in Brasher, Brasher Falls; 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 Tourament \$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.

Trivia Night Fundraiser
WADDINGTON -- The Waddington Historical Association will host its Trivia Night Fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 15, at the American Legion Post 420, Fenton Street, Waddington. Team registration opens at 6 p.m., with trivia starting at 7 p.m. Teams of up to six members can compete for a \$50 fee, with a limit of 15 teams. Prizes will be awarded, and a cash bar will be available. Proceeds benefit Waddington Historical Association’s preservation.

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
Small Town Ramblers
HEUVELTON - Heuvelton Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host a dance Feb. 16 from 1-5 p.m. featuring the Small Town Ramblers. Enjoy classic rock, 50s-60s, and country music and dancing. Open to public. \$5 cover charge.

Sports card show
MASSENA -- A sports cards, coins and collectibles show is set for Sunday, Feb. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at American Legion, 40 East Orvis St. Admission is \$2. There are door prizes and raffles.

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., Crasper 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.

WEDS., FEB. 19
Book reading by author
OGDENSBURG - In celebration of Black History Month, Bryan Thompson, author of “African Americans of St. Lawrence County: North Country Pioneers” will give a reading of excerpts from his book. The reading will be presented at the Ogdensburg Public Library, Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. Thompson will be available to sign copies of his book following the presentation. Thompson, the Town of De Kalb Historian, is a seventh-generation resident of St. Lawrence County. He has written more than 50 articles on local history. Thompson spent over fifteen years researching his book.

Public skating
OGDENSBURG -- Public skating will be held at Lockwood Arena Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fee is \$2. Skate rental is \$3.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20
Community dinner
HEUVELTON -- There will be a community dinner at the Heuvelton Presbyterian Church, 63 Lisbon St., on Thursday, Feb. 20 starting at 4:30 pm. Donations are accepted but not required.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21
‘Conclave’ movie
MASSENA -- “Conclave,” a political thriller about selecting a new pope, will be the Friday movie offered this month at Massena Public Library on Feb. 21 at 1 p.m. Cardinal Lawrence uncovers a trail of deep secrets left in the dead Pope’s wake, secrets which could shake the foundations of the Church.

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

Make bubble tea
OGDENSBURG -- A bubble tea cooking class will be held Friday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m. at Ogdensburg Public Library for ages 11 and up. The class will learn

to use chemistry to make their own popping boba. .

Open-Mic Coffee House
MORRISTOWN -- The First Congregational Church of Morristown will host a free Open-Mic Coffee House on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. Local Christian musicians and singers are invited to share songs of faith. The church’s Third Friday events include free, family-friendly activities like movie nights and backyard bonfires. Pastor David Phelps invites all to attend. The church is located at 541 Sand Street Rd, two miles west of State Highway 37. 315-276-1878.

Public skating
OGDENSBURG -- Public skating will be held at Lockwood Arena Friday, Feb. 21, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fee is \$2. Skate rental is \$3. Friday, February 21, 2025.

SATURDAY, FEB. 22
Barn quilt class
WADDINGTON - The Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts will offer a class on making a “Carpenters Wheel” barn quilt Saturday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Old Town Hall, 38 Main St. Cost: \$65. (A one-day class exclusive.) Theresa Gabor teaches how to craft a 2’ x 2’ barn quilt on 1/2 “ sanded plywood already painted black for you. Pick the color palette. Materials provided. Min 4 students. Pre-register: lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com, 315-705-1241, 315-705-5198.

Contra Dance
HEUVELTON -- Contra dancing at Pickens Hall 7-9:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22. Caller Beth Robinson will teach all the dances so no experience and no partner necessary. Lively music will be provided by “Gretchen and the Double Stops” accompanied by Matt Bullwinkel on piano. The Double Stops are a subset of The Madstop Fiddlers under the direction of Gretchen Koehler. The 10 piece fiddle band plays a mix of Old Time, Celtic, Quebec and Nordic tunes. 2025. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$16 per couple, \$25 per family. Beth Robinson, cello1@twcny.rr.com, 315210562.

Cornhole contest
BRIER HILL - The Brier Hill Fire Dept. cornhole tournament will be on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 5-10 p.m. at the Brier Hill Fire Station. Food, beer, wine, music, raffles, and cash prizes. Open to the public. \$40 per team advanced division, or \$30 per team amateur. Double elimination 100 percent payout. 315-323-4096.

Defensive driver class
WADDINGTON -- North Country Insurance Professionals will sponsor a defensive driver class at Waddington Hepburn library community room 30 Main St., on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person and will include lunch. (Chili). You are welcome to bring a bag lunch if you prefer. This will reduce your insurance rates for liability, no fault and collision by 10% for a three year period. Contact Robin Miller 315 323

0282 to sign up and reserve your spot in class. Class size is limited.

Fun run
BRIER HILL - The Brier Hill Fire Department Fun Run will be Saturday, Feb. 22. All vehicles welcome. \$15 registration. Stops include: Langbrook Meadows, Turner Inn, Doug’s Tavern, Sid’s Place, Mack’s Inn, Iron Horse, East Branch and JK Roadhouse. Must go to at least four stops. Fifth and final stop at the fire station. More stops equals more cards. Cards must be returned to the fire station by 5 p.m. to be able to draw a hand. Info: 315-323-4096. Trailer parking available. Pre-register online through Venmo @ BrierHill-FireDepartment.

Jam session
HEUVELTON - A jam session hosted by the NaizAfr9 Band will be held at the Heuvelton Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., on Feb. 22 from 7-10 p.m. All are invited to enjoy music from Rock, Hard rock, & country. No cover charge.

Super Saturday tax help
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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 can busy, planning ahead essential to secure venues, vendors

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 plan-

- ning 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 competition 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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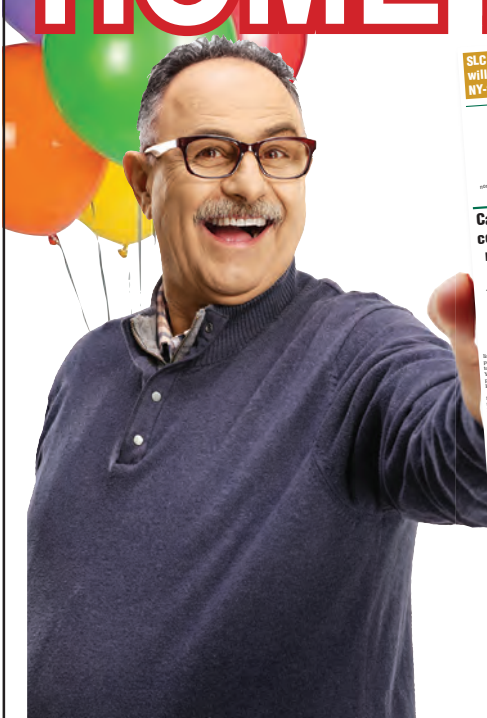
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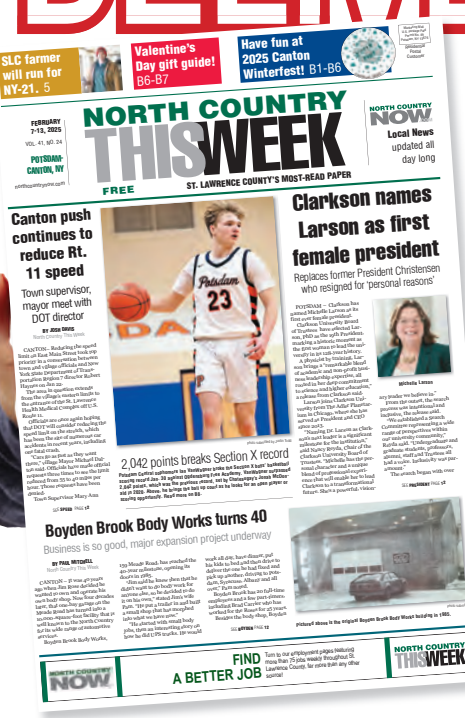
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Local skaters host ice show, attend Empire Games

Massena, Ogdensburg figure skating club members have busy month so far



Photo submitted by Mark Laguador
Pictured above, Massena Figure Skating Club members march in the Opening Ceremony of the 2025 Empire State Winter Games at the Lake Placid Arena Jan. 30.

Photo submitted by Mark Laguador
Pictured at left, Massena figure skater Madison Laguador performs at the 2025 Empire State Winter Games. She won a gold medal at the competition held in Lake Placid.



Photo courtesy of OFSC

Ogdensburg Figure Skating Club members competing in the the Empire State Winter Games included, from left to right, front row: Kyra McCarthy, Brynn Morley, Tinley Charlton, Emma Barr, Bella McCarthy, and Marina Perry. Back Row: Madalynn Costello, Averie Farrand, Ella Ramsdell, Madison Miller and Sophie Nugent.



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Ogdensburg Figure Skating Club member Marina Perry took 1st in Preliminary Ladies Excel at the Empire State Winter Games. Skaters ranged in age from 5th grade to freshman in college and represented several local schools.

Ogdensburg Figure Skating Club member Madalynn Costello took 2nd in Aspire 3 at the Empire State Winter Games. A dozen figure skaters from the Ogdensburg Figure Skating Club competed at this year's Empire State Games in Lake Placid.



Photo courtesy of Mark Laguador

Senior Laila Jarrett performs a solo at the Massena Figure Skating Club's "Night at the Museum" Ice Show Feb. 9.



Photo courtesy of Mark Laguador

Among the skaters who performed the group number 'Space Race' at the Massena Figure Skating Club's "Night at the Museum" Ice Show Feb. 9 were Eran McDonald, Lilith George, Esenia Bugayev, Gelek Dhardon, Iakonhnhanoron Oakes, and skate aide Sonja Michell.



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Local student-athletes honored

CANTON – Two local St. Lawrence University student-athletes, including two local athletes, earned Liberty League All-Academic honors in recognition of their excellence in the classroom.

Students honored include Mat-tigan Porter of Canton, a mem-ber of the Saints Volleyball team who attended Hugh C. Williams High School, and Trent Sargent of Ogdensburg, a member of the Saints Football team who attended Ogdensburg Free Academy.

To be recognized, a grade point average of at least 3.30 is required.



NOTABLE

Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club member Brooklyn Decker is heading to States for at the Elks Club Hoop Shoot March 1, after winning first place in the Regional round of the Elks Club Hoop Shoot in Cortland Feb. 2. Previously, she had advanced from the local competition held in December at the club, and the District competition at Carthage.



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SeaComm recognizes employees

SeaComm recently honored 10 employees with the annual President's Award for Service Excellence. This prestigious award is given to the individuals who receive the highest member survey scores or internal service survey scores each year. The award recipients are treated to lunch and gifted a commemorative framed certificate. In the front row, from the left, are Financial Service Representative Jonathan Tanner, Call Center Manager Donna Deruchia, Teller Laurie French, EFT ACH Specialist Audra LaShomb, Financial Service Representative Cheyenne Dibble, AVP of Member Experience Paula Brown, Member Experience Team Lead Virginia Mossow, and President and Chief Executive Officer Scott A. Wilson. In the back row are Indirect Lending Officer Stephenie Curran, Facilities Manager James Kenney, Help Desk Technician Jonathan Currier,

Five Ogdensburg Free Academy alumni slated to join the armed forces

OGDENSBURG— Five OFA alumni are completing training to serve in the armed forces.

New Army soldiers Marko Skamperle, son of Dan and Suzanne Skamperle, and Jacob Latham son of Wayne and Tessa Latham, have both been assigned to the 4th Regiment 3rd Battalion Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery.

Latham graduated from boot camp in October 2024 and completed infantry school in December. Skamperle graduated from boot

camp in December and completed infantry school in January 2025.

Ryan Sutherland, son of Ian and Melissa Sutherland, graduated Marine training at Parris Island, NC and completed boot camp November 2024 and completed combat training in December. He is currently stationed in Pensacola, FL, where he is waiting to begin training for cyber defense operations.

Braxton Kendall, son of Jeff and Lyndsi Kendall, graduated Marine

training at Parris Island in November 2024 and will complete combat training this month.

He will also be stationed in Pensacola, FL where he will attend training to become a mechanic.

Garrit Willis, son of Michael and Melissa Willis, left for Air Force boot camp in January in Texas this month. He is expected to graduate March 2025.

He will be attending technical training in Sheppard, TX to become a fuel specialist.

BRIEFLY

Clarkson University grads
POTSDAM -- The following students from the Massena and Ogdensburg area at Clarkson University were awarded bachelor's, masters and doctoral degrees this winter on Dec. 14. Rylie Showers of Brier Hill; and Ian Kennedy, Olivia McLear and Eddie Swan, all of Ogdensburg.

of Waddington, and Kya Lucey and Tucker Siddon of Massena, were named to the 2024 fall semester Dean's List at the University at Buffalo.

Clarkson University dean's list
POTSDAM – The following Massena and Ogdensburg area students have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester at Clarkson University: rasher Falls: Felicity Coughlin and

Logan Wultsch-Fuller. Brier Hill: Rylie Showers. Massena: Aidan Aldous, Lauren Duchscherer and Emma LaBarge. North Lawrence: Samantha Major. Ogdensburg: Bella Doyle, Rori McCarthy, Olivia McLear, and Taryn Sholette. Waddington: Laney Tiernan. Winthrop: Robert Houle.

On President's list

Jamie Moore of Winthrop, Julie Perelli and Brooke Backus of Waddington, and Nichole Villnave of Massena, were named to the President's List for the fall 2024 semester at Southern New Hampshire University.

Locals on dean's list

Three North Country students were named to the fall 2024 Dean's List at Southern New Hampshire University. They are Kylie Lavarnway of Ogdensburg, Noah Jessmer of Norfolk, and Marcy McDonald of Hogsburg.

Nazareth University dean's list

The following Massena and Ogdensburg area students earned a spot on the Fall 2024 Dean's List at Nazareth University. They are Kendall Jock and MacKenzie Garrow of Hogsburg, Madeline Brown, Hannah Chilton and Sophia Brown of Massena, Alexis Tobin of North Lawrence, and Landon Oakes and Clara Cole of Ogdensburg.

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Area students on SUNY Potsdam Dean’s List

POTSDAM -- The following Massena and Ogdensburg area students were named to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2024 semester at SUNY Potsdam.

To achieve the honor of being on the SUNY Potsdam Dean’s List, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of between 3.25 and 3.49 in the given semester.

Brasher Falls: McKenna Bowles, whose major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education.

Hammond: Hailey Cunningham, whose major is Public Health.

Heuvelton: Trista Ashley, whose major is Psychology.

Hogansburg: Neely Henhawk, whose major is Childhood/Early

Childhood Education, Enigoonse Jock, whose major is Exploratory/Undeclared, Jordy Mitchell, whose major is Exercise Science, and Wren Sunday, whose major is Psychology.

Lisbon: Vanessa Skipka, whose major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education.

Massena: Laylah Bingham, whose major is Psychology, Dom Boprey, whose major is International Studies, Ethan Carr, whose major is Business Administration, Thomas Long, whose major is Business Administration, Eve Mantle, whose major is Biology, Karra Murray, whose major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Elijah Shantie, whose major is Creative Writing, and Catherine Trinque, whose major is Childhood/Early Childhood Edu-

cation.

Morristown: Beka Hance, whose major is Environmental Studies.

Ogdensburg: Alivia Bean, whose major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Megan Hart, whose major is History, Chasity Johnson, whose major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Rachel LaRock, whose major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education, and Marissa McCabe, whose major is Graphic Design and New Media.

Waddington: Emma Dawley, whose major is Anthropology, and Grace Mayette, whose major is Public Health.

Winthrop: Kalissa Young, whose major is Criminal Justice Studies, and Autumn Zellweger, whose major is Psychology.

BRIEFLY

Clarkson Presidential Scholars

POTSDAM -- The following Massena and Ogdensburg area students have been named Presidential Scholars for the Fall 2024 semester at Clarkson University. Brasher Falls: Jace Dutch and Carter Rose. Hammond: Kahlan Chapman and Cherie Hadlock. Lisbon: Alaina Armstrong. Massena: Frederick Anson, Mara Brown, Bryce Howland, Benjamin LeBlanc, and Aden Thompson. Ogdensburg: Chad Bruyere, Greta Ferris, Ian Kennedy, and Jakob Ladouceur. Potsdam: Anant Bansal, Luke Brosell, Layton Colbert, Max Galluzzo, Jason Liang, Sina Lufkin, Haripriya Mahapatra, Johannes Richter, Ryan Russell, James Sullivan, William Sullivan, and Matthew Whispell. Winthrop: Michael Newtown.

DePeyster man honored

DEPEYSTER -- Tristan Young, of DePeyster, has been named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2024 semester at Husson University in Bangor, Me. Young is studying toward a degree in BS Exercise Science - Doctor of Physical Therapy at Husson. Full-time students who earn Dean’s List recognition must be enrolled as an undergraduate, carry a full-time load of 12 credit hours over the course of 21 weeks, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted, and achieve a designated semester grade-point average of 3.60 to 3.79.

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Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

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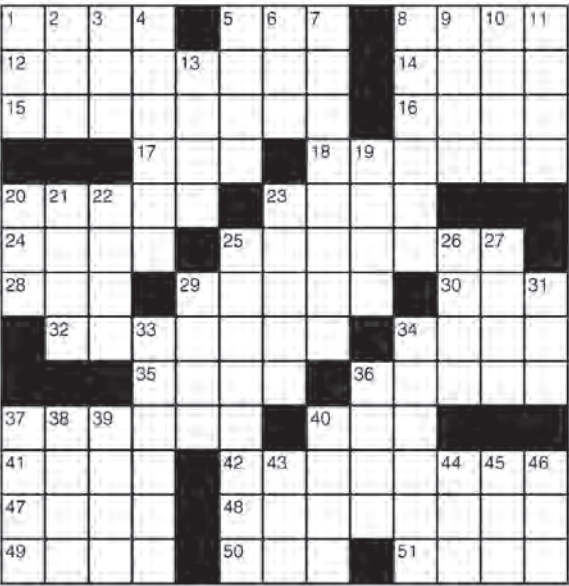
King Crossword

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 Rapsallions
- 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



- 2 Earth (Pref.)
- 3 "Friendly skies" co.
- 4 Stage comments
- 5 Oklahoma city
- 6 Fond du —
- 7 Fleet of ships
- 8 Pandemonium
- 9 Pro votes
- 10 Big rig
- 11 Tend texts
- 13 Oklahoma tribe
- 19 Currier's partner
- 20 \$ dispenser

- 21 Denny's rival
- 22 Japanese soup
- 23 Battery measures
- 25 Primitive flutes
- 26 Apple desktop
- 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' partner
- 38 Great expectation
- 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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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Partridge Run Golf & Country Club Food Service Contract. The Village of Canton, which owns and operates the Partridge Run Golf & Country Club, seeks proposals from qualified businesses or individuals to operate the food service establishment located in the clubhouse. This is a great opportunity for a creative, motivated individual to provide golfers and the Canton community with a new dining experience. As an independent contractor, the business or individual will be responsible for the operation and management of the kitchen and dining facility, which is open to golfers and the general public during the golf season (approximately April 1 through November 1). The concession manager is responsible for all necessary licenses and permits, including liquor license. The manager may be requested to provide catered food service for banquets and other scheduled events. Proposals, addressed to Golf Committee, Village of Canton, 60 Main Street, Canton, New York 13617 or snoble@cantonny.gov, will be received until 4 pm on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025. EOE

The Village of Canton is seeking a Golf Course Superintendent for the Partridge Run Golf and Country Club. This employee will maintain the playing and esthetic conditions of the golf course through sound agronomic, cultural, and environmental practices. To lead and direct staff members in a safe and productive manner and to perform such duties with as little disruption as possible to our playing guests. See the full description at www.cantonny.gov. Please submit letter of interest, application, resume and three references to Timothy Bacon, Superintendent, 60 Main Street, Canton, NY 13617, or email to supt@cantonny.gov. AA/EOE Employer. Deadline for applications is February 16, 2025.

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.



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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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Speech Pathologist (Part-Time)
Cook Manager
Starting Date: ASAP

Application Deadline: March 10, 2025

Qualifications, job description and application can be found online at: <https://www.stregiscsd.org/district/employment-opportunities>

Completed applications can be emailed to dgoodrich@stregiscsd.org or mailed to:

St. Regis Falls Central School Attn: Alexis Chapman
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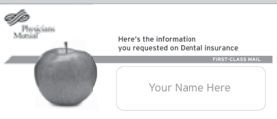
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- Letters of Reference (3 Current)
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Prior to final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification, and criminal background check.

Application Deadline: open until filled; application review begins immediately. For more information or to apply for the above positions, please visit:
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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 incumbent 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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Producer: Under the direction of the Akwesasne TV Executive Producer, the Producer's responsibilities will vary from video project to project, but will include organizing production, related teams and personnel, coordinating in-studio shoots, operating live broadcasting equipment, supervising lighting or sound plans, editing scripts, or writing scripts for items. The Producer will also coordinate, film and edit, select assigned video segments and be responsible for ensuring segments are approved for broadcast. The Producer may also be tasked with operational duties such as generating financial quotes related to production or status updates on productions. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt, Permanent Salary: \$15.63 - \$30.44 Deadline: February 19, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov 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 louisvillenewyork.com. The deadline for submitting an application is March 14, 2025. If you have any questions please call the office at 764-7473. The Town of Louisville is an equal opportunity employer. Date: 1/09/2025 Amy Ellsworth
Louisville Town Clerk

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



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is accepting applications for the following position to begin immediately:

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(180 day, salary \$25,879)

Applications can be downloaded from the school website www.nncsk12.org or obtained in the District Office at NNCS.

Minimum Qualifications: Graduation from high school, possession of a high school equivalency diploma, or possession of an Individual Education Plan diploma.

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

Deadline to apply is **February 24, 2025** NNCS is an EEO Employer. NYS Education Department fingerprint clearance is required for all appointments.



Associate Director of Laurentian Engagement

St. Lawrence University invites applications for an **Associate Director of Laurentian Engagement**. Reporting to the Director of Laurentian Engagement, the Associate Director will be responsible for the overall coordination of Reunion Weekend planning and other designated events under Laurentian Engagement. Salary range \$60,406 - \$62,000 annually. The actual rate will be determined based on experience and other factors permitted by law.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/4024>. St. Lawrence University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

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Facilities Department

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St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES is looking to fill the following position:

Director of Special Education

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Deadline for applications- March 5, 2025

The BOCES application can be accessed and submitted online at www.sllboces.org.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. EOE



Madrid-Waddington Central School

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Mail applications to:
Eric Burke, Superintendent,
PO Box 67, Madrid, NY 13660.

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The salary range is \$24 - \$28 per hour

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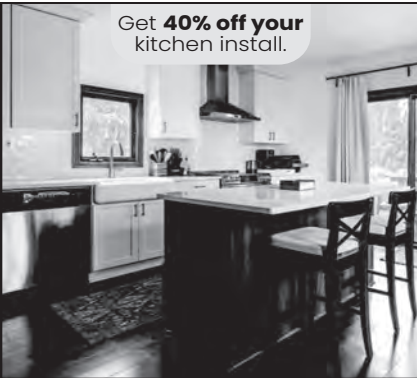
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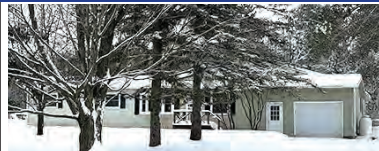
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1 bedroom apt, Colton w/stove & refrigerator, Includes heat, electricity, snowplowing/lawn care, water/sewer. No pets/smokers. 1st months rent plus deposit. 315-386-4152.

NICE 1 BEDROOM APARTMENT: 2.5 miles from Canton. Large yard. Plentiful parking. Coin laundry. No Pets. No Smoking. 1 Year Lease. First month plus Security Deposit. \$600/mo. plus utilities. 412-651-6220

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MONTHLY EFFICIENCIES at White Pillars Lodging in Canton, 315-386-2353, beginning at \$975/month, furnished, all utilities, wi-fi, cable TV, weekly housekeeping. https://www.whitepillars.com/efficiencies/

Canton. 1 BR apt. \$600/month. Available March 1. 315-386-3965

218 Lafayette St., Ogdensburg. Studio Apt. \$600/month, heat and lights included. Security deposit required. No smoking. No animals. Call 315-605-1129.

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Canton - 2 bed apartment for \$920/mo. Available 3/1. Includes Heat, Water, Sewer, Trash, Lawn Care, Snow Removal, and Laundry. Text 518-703-3369

Potsdam - Renovated 1 bed apartment for \$795/mo. Available 2/15. Includes Water, Sewer, Trash, Lawn Care, Snow Removal, and Laundry. Text 518-703-3369

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

3 BR. Village of Canton. 315-323-0622. tn
1 BR furnished apt. Village of Potsdam. 315-323-0622.tn

STUDENT RENTALS

DGR RENTALS: Potsdam, Student Housing. Hamilton St. 315-952-2136. tn

1 BR furnished apt. Village of Potsdam. 315-323-0622.tn

3 BR. Village of Canton. 315-323-0622. tn

Trivia Test

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest mountain in Canada?
2. TELEVISION: Who is the host of the long-running reality series "Survivor"?
3. LITERATURE: Which animals represent the Communist Party in "Animal Farm"?
4. U.S. STATES: Which state is the birthplace of the singer Elvis?
5. ASTRONOMY: How long does it take the moon to orbit the Earth?
6. MOVIES: What is the score Elle receives on her law school admission test in "Legally Blonde"?
7. AD SLOGANS: Which product's slogan is "Is It In You"?
8. LANGUAGE: What is an eraser called in the United Kingdom?
9. SCIENCE: What are the four primary precious metals?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Valentine's Day arose from which Roman ritual?

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.