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Kicking off Winter Carnival in Tri-Town was the Annual Snow Sculpture Contest. Here, a man-eating shark sculpture wins second place.

Massena school suing Meta, Google

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The Massena Central School District is suing Alphabet, Meta and the company's related entities in federal court.

According to documents filed in U.S. District Court in the Northern District of California, the school district is suing Meta entities, Snap, TikTok entities, Google entities, Instagram, Facebook Payments, Inc. Siculus, Inc., Meta Payments, Bytedance Ltd., Bytedance Inc., TikTok Ltd., TikTok LLC, TikTok Inc., Snap, Inc., Google, LLC and YouTube, LLC for negligence and for public nuisance.

In the complaint, MCS claims the defendants have created a public nuisance, have been negligent and

played a key role in connection with the impact of social media addiction and use, including potentially against the 2,457 students served by the MCS district.

In the court documents, MCS is demanding a trial by jury on all claims, which would occur in the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court of the Northern District of California.

In the civil cover sheet filed with the court, MCS alleges the defendants have caused personal injury through product liability.

A summons was filed on Dec. 10, 2024, giving the defendants 21 days to respond to the complaint filed by MCS. A second summons was filed on Dec. 11,

SEE SUING ON 19.

As winter wanes, producers gear up for maple season in the North Country

BY JOSH DAVIS
North Country This Week

POTSDAM—Bruce Thompson wants to make 4,000 gallons of maple syrup this year, and invites you to watch him in action next month.

The Southville Maples proprietor says his operation is in full swing to prepare for St. Lawrence County Maple Weekend this March, which means longer opening hours for guided tours, special events, and free samples.

Thompson has been making maple syrup since he was a child, using a wood fire and a 55-gallon drum.

"I made black tar, but I had fun," he said.

Thompson has been selling his products at his location on County Route 57 since 2014. He has plenty of help, with six children and 26 grandchildren to take turns as his assistant.

Thompson added 4,000 taps to his sugar bush this year, for a total of roughly 13,000.

"I thought I would be happy with 1,000 taps," he said.

He said that his taps use a vacuum system, which means sap can be collected in a greater variety of weather conditions than those suitable for a traditional bucket system.

Thompson said that sugaring has advanced rapidly with the introduction of new technologies.

Using a reverse osmosis process, Thompson said he can pro

SEE MAPLE ON 19.

Governor to deploy National Guard to prison protests

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

Gov. Kathy Hochul is preparing to deploy the New York National Guard to protect the safety of correctional officers, DOCCS population and upstate communities.

The news comes as more than a dozen New York State Correctional facilities are seeing employee walkouts and strikes.

Rallies are being held locally at Riverview Correctional Facility and in Ogdensburg as well as prisons in Malone and Gouverneur.

Corrections officers shared concerns with North Country This Week about working conditions, but were unwilling to go on the record due to fear of retaliation from their employer.

New York State prohibits public employees from striking, but there have been reports of mass call-ins by corrections officers and photos circulating on social media including signs that say strike.

Many complaints have been raised by corrections officers, including dangerous working conditions such as the reports of drug exposure which led to hospitalizations of corrections staff at Upstate

Correctional Facility recently.

Among the rallying messages being issued by gatherers at the event are calls for the repeal of HALT.

A bill that limits the length of time anyone can spend in "segregated confinement."

"The illegal and unlawful actions being taken by a number of correction officers must end immediately," Governor Hochul said in a prepared statement "We will not allow these individuals to jeopardize the safety of their colleagues, incarcerated people, and the residents of communities surrounding our correctional facilities. I have directed my Administration to meet with union leadership to resolve this situation and have also ordered the National Guard be mobilized to secure our correctional facilities in the event it is not resolved by tomorrow. Correction officers do difficult work under challenging circumstances, and I have consistently fought for them to have better pay and working conditions and will continue to do so."

The New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent

SEE PROTESTS ON 19.



Photo submitted

Correctional officers, retirees, family members and supporters are joining in a rally outside of Riverview Correctional Facility, which is being met with support from some state and county representatives. Similar rallies are being held in Malone and more than a dozen other prisons across the state. Corrections officers shared concerns with North Country This Week about working conditions, but were unwilling to go on the record.

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Law updates to ensure town laws consistent with regulations

Massena looks to adopt law to keep ATVs off highways

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

MASSENA — Town of Massena officials are looking to change a local law that currently allows off-

road vehicles like ATVs on certain town roads.

The roads include Carey Road, Dennison Road, Donaghue Road, Hammill Road, Haverstock Road, Horton Road, Fregoe Road, Kinnie

Road, LaRue Road, North Raquette River Road from Raquette River bridge to below the Edward Chase farm, Old River Road, Old state road off New York 131, Old State Road 37, O'Neill Road and South

Grasse River Road.

Town board members held a public hearing during a recent meeting, which drew no comments from the public.

When asked about the specific rationale behind the potential change to the law, Town Attorney Eric Gustafson said it's a matter of ensuring the language of the local law is consistent with that of the state regulations.

"The insurance folks were concerned because there's been some changes with regard to how local laws for those types of uses are adopted. They were concerned that this was done and doesn't match contemporary, professional standards," Gustafson said.

Town Supervisor Sue Bellor elaborated further, saying many local laws for the town "go back decades" and have not been updated to meet modern standards.

"Some of our local laws go back decades that they picked up on and said we needed to update them," she said.

"There was a provision in the town code that authorized ATVs on certain roads in the town of Massena, which is authorized in the vehicle traffic law. The insurance folks were concerned because there's been some changes with regard to how the local laws for those types of uses are adopted. They were concerned that this was done and doesn't match contemporary, professional standards," Gustafson said.

Just what roads and vehicles would be included was not specified during the meeting, however town code shows the regulations date back to Nov. 13, 1974 when snowmobiles and off road vehicles were permitted on a handful of town roads.

In the code, off-highway vehicles are defined as "Any self-propelled vehicle which is manufactured and sold for operation primarily on areas which are not public highways, having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel with wheels in contact with the ground, and which shall include such vehicles as are commonly known as "motorcycles," "minibikes," "trailbikes," "all-terrain vehicles" and "mopeds," but shall not include such vehicles which are intended to be utilized and are actually utilized primarily for

'Some of our local laws go back decades that they picked up on and said we needed to update them.'

Sue Bellor
Massena Town Supervisor

agricultural, business, gardening or property maintenance purposes and shall not include snowmobiles."

The code allowed for limited operation on those highways, in particular in the case of an emergency, as well as on the outside bank or shoulder of the listed highways.

A provision in the code also allowed for the use of such vehicles on the highways when such portions were nonexistent or prevailing snow conditions of terrain were impassable.

The code further restricted the use of vehicles elsewhere in the town.

Other restrictions were put in place regarding divided highways, crossing of highways during certain hours, operation within a certain distance of occupied dwellings, as well as operating vehicles without protective gear, functioning brakes or proper state registration records.

Gustafson said that despite the town board being able to adopt the change to the law, he wanted to go back to review the language further before doing so.

He commented he wanted to avoid any conflict that is currently happening elsewhere.

Gustafson said if the language of the law is not changed no further public hearing would be needed and the town board could adopt the law next month.

In a second public hearing, town officials looked to adopt a local law that follows general municipal law that requires proper notification before the town is sued.

Gustafson said the local law would ensure the town would not be sued "out of the blue" and would be given proper notice.

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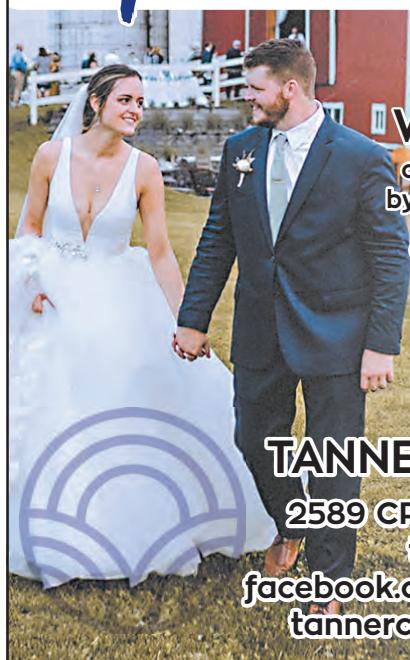
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24/7 crisis line available to St. Lawrence County residents

OGDENSBURG -- St. Lawrence County residents experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis will continue to have access to immediate 24/7 support over the phone.

Starting immediately, residents experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis can call 315-265-2422, which is a 24-hour phone line connected to Citizen Advocates' Ogdensburg Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center. The Ogdensburg clinic is one of three 24/7 mental health and addiction clinics operated by Citizen Advocates who has provided services in St. Lawrence County since 2019.

Officially referred to as County-wide Comprehensive Crisis Service, Citizen Advocates is initially providing crisis evaluation over the telephone, with plans to expand the program later in the year. The 24/7 crisis line will be fully operational while recruitment, training and outreach is conducted with the goal of launching the mobile response aspect of the service in the Fall of 2025.

How the service works

Massena Central officials whittle away at project budget

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The Massena Central School District is moving ahead with a capital project to improve heating, ventilation, air conditioning and the high school pool this year.

A vote on the project is slated for May 20 when voters head to the polls to approve the district's budget, however the fine details of the projects are still being worked out, according to school officials.

Superintendent Ron Burke said district officials are continuing to whittle down the project budget and reestablishing priorities to put money into the most critical aspects of the project.

One major hangup is the price tag for the HVAC system, which Burke said could be around \$37 million. That expense would be in part because the district would also upgrade the plant and put air conditioning all throughout the high school.

He said after receiving that estimate the board of education "went back to the drawing board."

District officials continue to work

Meeting on bridge painting, paving

OGDENSBURG -- The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority will conduct a public information meeting for the Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge painting and repaving projects Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be a Microsoft Teams Live Event and a link for access to the meeting will be on the OBPA home page at www.ogdensport.com.

Both projects will involve specialized work and require alternating signalized single lane work zone

In the event of a mental health or addiction crisis, after dialing 315-265-2422, callers will press '1' for crisis, connecting them immediately with a trained member of the clinical team at the Ogdensburg Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center.

After the initial call, follow up services will be provided within 24 hours. The individual will be encouraged to engage, or re-engage in outpatient services if there wasn't a need for a higher level of care. If needed, the higher level of care could be provided within the Citizen Advocates network of care – including the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center or through the inpatient addiction services available at St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment and Recovery Centers in Saranac Lake. If necessary, Citizen Advocates will work to ensure the individual is connected with other providers, depending on the need.

To access services in person, St. Lawrence County residents can visit the Ogdensburg Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center at 1003 Park Street, Ogdensburg on a 24 hours

a day, 7 days a week basis, and the integrated outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic at 16 Phillips

Street, Massena, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursdays from

8 a.m. to 7 p.m. No appointment is needed.

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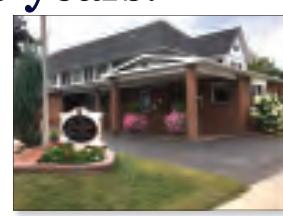
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Church using grant for window restoration

OGDENSBURG — Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg has been awarded a \$36,500 grant from the Rock Charitable Fund, administered by the Northern New York Community Foundation.

The grant will support the restoration of the church's iconic transept stained glass window, which overlooks Claxton Hepburn Hospital.

The parish has been working to restore the historic Horwood stained glass windows, created in 1890. The restoration efforts have already resulted in the successful funding of 12 lower Horwood windows, with three additional windows safely removed for future restoration.

This project will ensure the preservation of these valuable windows

while protecting them from future damage. Additionally, it will provide opportunities for skilled artisans, boost tourism, and enhance the city's cultural landscape.

The restoration is expected to strengthen community ties, foster a deeper connection between parishioners and their heritage, and create a lasting legacy for future generations.

OBITUARIES

Theresa B. Roberts, 95

Massena

MASSENA - Theresa B. Roberts, age 95 formerly of Massena passed away on February 16th, 2025.

Most recently she was a resident of St. Peter's Nursing Home in Albany, NY but had spent most of her life as a housewife in Massena.

She is survived by two sons, Richard J. Roberts of Plattsburgh and Mark J. (and Deborah) Roberts of Niskayuna, NY, four grandchildren: Jackie Davis of Watertown, Mark W. Roberts (and Stacey Kocsis) of Massena, Sister Mary Michael Roberts VSM of Toledo, Ohio, and Grace Roberts of Niskayuna, four Great-Grandchildren: Alisha Allen, Destiny Davis, and Cora Whitfield all of Watertown, Madison Roberts, Massena and Great-Great-Grandchildren, Adeline, Amelia and Jackson Allen, also of Watertown and many nieces, nephews, grand and great grand nieces and nephews throughout the country.



Theresa Roberts

employed by the J.J. Newberry Department Store in Massena from 1947 to 1951. She married William J. Roberts in St. Mary's Church on January, 20th, 1951. In years past she was active in the Massena Chapter of TOPS 272, an avid bowler, and enjoyed playing cards, socializing,

cooking, spending time with her family, and was an avid dog-lover.

Besides her parents, she is predeceased by her husband, William J. Roberts, her son, Kent W. Roberts and his wife, Joy LaValley Roberts, one sister, Irene Batraw Baxter, one half-sister, Eloise Batraw Jock, one step sister, Viola Jarvis Dame, and her step-mother, Sadie Barcomb Batraw.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home in Massena. A Mass of the Christian Burial and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions can be made to the Massena Humane Society in her memory.

Friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at www.donaldsonfh.com.

Duane M. Kirkey, 73

Potsdam

grandchildren- Bailey, Tyler, Carter Burcume; Marissa and Dallas Brown; Jack, Emma and Lila Kirkey; a brother, Brian Kirkey and his companion Patty Woodward, Potsdam;

a sister-in-law, Susan Kirkey, FL and ex-wife and friend, Debbie Narrow. Duane was pre-deceased by his parents Gerald and Theresa, a brother Donald

and a sister-in-law, Judith Kirkey.

Born in Massena, NY on December 12, 1951 to the late Gerald J. and Theresa Paige Kirkey, Duane worked as a mechanic and bodyman, working for Stan's in Potsdam and Relco in Syracuse and most recently worked in the woods, working for Whites Logging. In his spare time, Duane enjoyed visiting with family and friends, working on cars and watching NASCAR. Memories and condolences for Duane may be shared online at www.buckfuneralhome.com. The Buck Funeral Home in Norwood is serving the family of Duane M. Kirkey.



Duane Kirkey

RECENT DEATHS

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

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

JUDITH CONVERSE, 66, Hopkinton, Feb. 1..

MARIE BULLARD, 96, Potsdam. Arrangements with Garner Funeral Home, Potsdam.

RICHARD McCARTHY, 69, formerly of Waddington, Nov. 12, 2024.

RUTH LOWERY, 66, Ogdensburg, Feb. 11. Arrangements with Fox and Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

GARY LASIEGE, 67, Ogdensburg, Feb. 11. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

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

DAVID HUTTON, 60, Rossie, Feb. 8. Arrangements with Frederick's Brothers Funeral Home, Theresa.

ROBERT HUGHES, 65, Gouverneur, Feb. 14. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

GERALD CRUMP, 95, Madrid, Feb. 13. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

BETTY PARLOW, 90, Potsdam, Feb. 14. Arrangements with Garner Funeral Home, Potsdam.

RITA HILBORNE, 83, Madrid, Feb. 13. Arrangements with Fox and Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

LOUISE ROSS, 89, Potsdam, Jan. 7.

THERESA ROBERTS, 95, Potsdam, Feb. 16. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

LLOYD K. RICHARDS, 87, Norfolk, Feb. 16. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

MARY A. MINER, 71, Massena, Feb. 14. Arrangements with Flint Funeral Home, Moira.

FORD J. REYNOLDS, 96, Richville, Feb. 16. Arrangements with French Funeral Home.

BETTY JEAN CHAMBERS, 71, Ogdensburg, Feb. 15. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

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Youth show seniors love

Over 1,000 Valentine's Day cards were given to St. Lawrence County seniors, thanks to the Valentine's Day card drive organized by the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau and Office for the Aging. Youth Bureau Director Alexa Backus Chase, left, and Office for the Aging Director Andrea Montgomery display the cards.

Weapon, drugs confiscated

OGDENSBURG -- A convicted felon was arrested Feb. 11 after he was found to possess an expandable baton during a traffic stop by county sheriff's deputies. Another passenger in the vehicle was found with a drugs, deputies said.

Deputies charged driver Jacob R. Brabant, 40, with third-degree criminal possession of a weapon (D Felony) for having the baton, and second-degree aggravated unlicensed

operation (misdemeanor), following the stop on Pickering Street.

Passenger Kelsey L. Gebo was charged with seventh-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Brabant was arraigned in the City of Ogdensburg Court and remanded to the St. Lawrence County jail.

Gebo was issued an appearance ticket and is expected to appear in the City of Ogdensburg Court at a later date.

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Town of Massena seeking grants for new highway garage

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The town of Massena is seeking grant funding to help pay for a new garage for the Highway Department, a project grant writer Linda McQuinn is working on.

At a recent town board meeting, McQuinn informed town board members she had identified a number of grant funding resources, including the State Municipal Facilities Capital Program (SAM).

She said other sources she has identified include the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Devel-

opment program for major infrastructure projects, as well as the Climate Smart Communities new reconstruction project program.

She said the Climate Smart program helps to promote energy-efficient systems in municipal structures.

"Outreach has also been initiated with the county Planning Office and the grant writer for the county. Each of these opportunities is being investigated and research has provided new contacts that will reveal sources of money for projects like the highway garage. The search is continuing for any and all opportunities,"

she said.

McQuinn said finding grant funding will be essential to the new garage due to budgetary constraints on the town as it enters into a 30-year repayment plan for a trailing liability from the sale of Massena Memorial Hospital in 2020.

She said recent conversations with board members and Highway Superintendent Dylan Casselman demonstrated the degree of concern the town has to secure funding and get the project underway.

"Currently, there exists problems with fire suppression due to the lack of water at the facility.

The work that will be conducted to create potential funding streams for the facility includes outreach to state and federal elected officials, grant searches for new facilities to promote worker safety and hazard control," she said.

McQuinn said she will continue to work with town and county officials to explore future funding opportunities, though she noted that grant writing and award timelines do take a significant amount of time.

Officials noted a decline in the structure that has occurred in recent years, leading to "an increased need to address the

deficiencies for worker safety."

Necropsy results of Waddington dogs inconclusive for poisoning, not ruled out

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

WADDINGTON -- Necropsy results have been released in the death of two dogs in the village of Waddington, both coming back inconclusive for poisoning.

According to village Mayor Mike Zagrobelny, the two dogs were transported to Cornell for testing to be conducted recently.

Both dogs were deemed to be very healthy, showing the dogs' deaths were not related to their health at the time, he said.

"Both dogs had distended stomachs with large amounts of yellow/orange substance and undigested food material. The results were inconclusive to be able to definitively say poisoning but that cannot be ruled out," he said.

Zagrobelny said he is still awaiting word on testing from an additional dog as well.

"Thanks for your concern and vigilance. To go back to my original message, it is important for dog owners to know the whereabouts of their animals and be vigilant about any matter they may eat," he said.

The news of test results comes week after numerous dogs throughout the village fell ill and quickly passed away after they experienced vomiting, bloody stool, frothing and convulsing, though the symptoms were not the result of attacks by other animals or humans, officials said.

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

He also confirmed the village had conducted testing of village drinking water and sewage outflow on Jan. 17, but "nothing

unusual has been found."

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

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

Zagrobelny said Deputy Gotham of the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office is continuing the investigation and taking information from residents, while District Attorney Gary Pasqua has been made aware of the situation and "is sympathetic to the community."

Zagrobelny previously said he has also been in contact with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation officials regarding the possibility of a "Blue Green Algae" connection.

The theory was posited to Department of Environmental Conservation Region 6 Director Randall Young, who commented a Blue-Green Algae bloom in January "is unlikely."

"If anyone sees a bloom, please contact me, and I will alert the DEC," he said.

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

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

"Several people have reached out with theories and those that can be researched are being

researched," Zagrobelny said.

He said he knows the situation is scary for dog owners and animal lovers alike and continues to take the situation seriously.

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

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DPW crews continue snow clearing, ask residents for patience

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The North Country has been hit harder than normal by snowfall this season, leading to conflicts regarding snow removal in the village of Massena.

In response, village trustees are asking residents to "be good neighbors" and work out the disputes in a cooperative manner.

Trustee Ken McGowan brought the topic to light during the Feb. 11

board meeting, noting the village was "getting tied into a land dispute with snow."

"That's truly not our game. I think that there's a snow issue. I think the homeowners really have to take that upon themselves. You can't call the Code Office because your neighbor is dumping snow on your yard, or property line issues. It's not a village issue," McGowan commented.

Mayor Greg Paquin reiterated that such disputes fall outside the scope of the village board and come down to

neighbors to resolve.

He said the hope is that "everyone is a good neighbor," but admitted it may not always be the case.

He said he himself has the potential for such a situation with a shared driveway, however he clears the snow for both sides so he can blow the snow where needed.

The issue extends beyond calls to the village board, however, with Department of Public Works Superintendent Marty Miller saying his office has also received calls over

such disputes.

In some cases, callers are complaining about the height of snow banks and asking for them to be cut back.

Miller said it's a big task for crews to operate with limited spaces and areas to move snow within the village after so many snow storms this season.

St. Lawrence County is slated to see at least 12" of snow in most areas, with other areas expected to see nearly two feet between Feb. 13-16.

Miller said when snow accumulates at such a rapid rate it puts the department on the back foot as they attempt to clear roads, sidewalks and public parking areas.

He said DPW crews will continue to work through the main streets of the village and "peck away" at other streets, as time allows.

Miller said crews have not prioritized any specific street over another but rather work on the ones with the highest banks first.

But matters are being made worse with a salt shortage, which could lead to DPW cutting back on its use for the rest of the year.

Miller said the village had just ordered its last allotment, 300 tons from American Rock Salt, with no future purchases in sight.

He said the village is in "dire straits" due to the shortage of salt.

"We'll never get through the year I don't think with what we have," Miller said.

Salting the roads was not the only concern raised at the meeting, with Paquin and trustees asking Miller about the department's normal plowing activities for sidewalks.

Miller said the village typically clears a designated route that includes Main Street and routes that lead to school.

Despite that, a number of residents have voiced frustrations with the current sidewalk clearing policies and "slippery sidewalks."

But Village Administrator Monique Chatland and Miller both agreed that municipalities have typically avoided or been told to avoid any sidewalk clearing for fear of liability.

McGowan said there was a simple solution to the concerns, suggesting that property owners assist by clearing the sidewalk in front of their properties.

He said he "does his darndest" to keep his clean, noting that Postal Service, UPS and FedEx employees would benefit from the additional efforts, along with neighbors and other village residents.

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'Lawn Chair Ladies' entertain at parade

Above, The Adirondack Lawn Chair Ladies, from Saranac Lake, perform by moving lawn chairs in their precision routine to music during the Tri-Town Winter Carnival parade in Winthrop Feb. 15. The floats had many familiar characters, including Donald Duck, Beauty and the Beast, Rapunzel, Star Wars, 101 Dalmatians and Toy Story. Dozens of other events were held Friday and Saturday in the Tri-Town region, including a craft fair and family activities, Snowmobile Poker Run and tournaments.

Hochul opposes proposed NYPA rate hike

SLC legislators voice opposition

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Governor Kathy Hochul is demanding the New York Power Authority put an end to a proposed rate hike of 256% that would hit families hard with "sky-high utility costs."

Under the proposal, families in St. Lawrence County could see their bills increase by \$13 to \$30 per month, according to St. Lawrence County legislators.

"Today, I'm calling for an end to the Power Authority's unacceptable proposal to raise electric rates on its customers statewide," Governor Hochul said.

"Too many New Yorkers are already falling behind on their energy bills and I will do everything in my power to reign in these astronomical costs. While I recognize the Power Authority's critical importance in providing invaluable, clean, baseload power from its large hydroelectric power plants Upstate, I expect NYPA to go back to the drawing board, shelve this existing proposal, and figure out a better way forward," the governor stated.

The rate hike was also a major topic of discussion with the St. Lawrence County board of legislators during the Feb. 10 Operations Committee meeting.

Legislator Rita Curran proposed a resolution to oppose the rate hike request, highlighting the need to protect low-income and fixed-income families from the "dire consequences."

She urged residents to comment on the proposed hike in 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.

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Man indicted on weapon charge

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Jerry Yerden, 38, was indicted for second-degree attempted assault, second-degree burglary and second-degree criminal contempt.

It is alleged that on Oct. 1 in the Town of Oswegatchie, Yerden caused physical injury to another person by means of deadly weapon or instrument.

The burglary indictment stems from Yerden allegedly entering a building unlawfully on Nov. 20 in the Town of Edwards while disobeying a mandate of the court.

Court documents noted that Yerden, if convicted, could be sentenced as a second felony offender stemming from a Sept. 7, 2012 conviction for second-degree attempted conspiracy.

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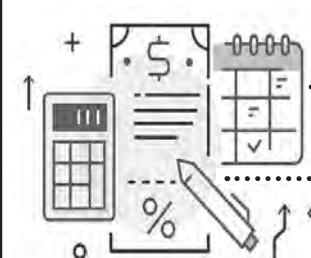
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Lawmakers consider taking up nine gun control measures in legislative session

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

State lawmakers are again taking action on multiple gun control measures with the new legislative session, with senate and assembly leaders urging action on nine proposed bills.

The legislation, which all sit in committee as of press time, would impact residents who wish to lawfully purchase firearms, as well as 3D printers and exercise their 2nd Amendment rights.

The first, S418, would prohibit the purchase of more than one firearm during any 30 day period.

Similar laws have been proposed or passed in multiple states, most notably California, however significant legal hurdles have derailed such efforts with district courts blocking such bans.

Another bill, A2228, would require background checks be performed to purchase a 3D printer. State lawmakers say the measure would cut down on the prevalence of "ghost guns" or untraceable firearms that do not have a serial number.

A third bill, S2158, would establish a database of information related to the sale or use of micro-stamped guns. A micro-stamp is a unique code on the face of a firing

pin that leaves a unique imprint on a primer when struck, allegedly allowing for easier tracing in the event of a crime.

A second bill from Senator Brian Kavanagh, a Democrat from lower Manhattan, would allow the Division of Criminal Justice Services to certify the technological viability of "personalized handguns" and establish requirements to the related sale of such handguns.

"Personalized handguns" would incorporate programmed grips and triggers that would recognize the unique print of the owner and would only be able to fire when operated by the registered user.

Such technology is not in wide use and has also faced significant hurdles in development, leading critics to say the measure intends to keep firearms out of the hands of lawful gun owners due to the increased expense related to such technology.

Senate bill S1358 would require all pistols be equipped with a permanent "child proofing device."

Design features could include the capacity to adjust the trigger resistance of the gun to at least a ten-pound pull, the capacity to alter the firing mechanism so that an average five-year-old child's hand would be too small to operate the gun, or the capacity to require a

series of multiple motions in order to fire the gun," the bill states.

Assembly bill A437 would require suicide warning signs be required on-site at any establishment that sells, displays or delivers firearms.

Governor Hochul signed into law legislation last year that already requires such measures be taken by a licensed gun dealer, with signs required to be posted in "conspicuous locations" that can be seen by anyone entering such establishments.

Assembly bill A346 would ban individuals under the age of 21 from purchasing firearms, however such bans have largely been ruled unconstitutional by district and appellate courts, including in Louisiana, Texas and Pennsylvania.

The ninth bill, A2060, would require any firearm manufactured by a 3D printer to contain a unique identifying number and to be registered with State Police.

That bill would mirror existing laws that require gun dealers with certain licenses to serialize "ghost guns" prior to reselling them.

Each of the nine bills currently sit in committee, however Senate and Assembly leaders have signaled they intend to take up some of, if not all of the bills in the coming legislative session.



Nicadri Nature Center | Courtesy

Moonlight ski

Joel Danko, a crew member of Nicadri Nature Center, was one of the few brave folks who came out in the snow for the moonlight ski and snowshoe at the nature center Feb. 15, despite the cold. The next moonlight ski event will be held March 15, weather permitting.

Village signs off on contract with management personnel

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Village trustees have signed off on a new four-year agreement with management personnel after previously tabling the measure during the January meeting.

Trustees opted to table the resolution in January after Trustee Ken McGowan raised concerns about CDL license requirements for the Department of Public Works.

McGowan said in January he felt it was necessary to keep the CDL license requirement in place as part of the contract, an idea that DPW Superintendent Marty Miller said he supported.

Their rationale was the idea that a time may come when management personnel may have to drive a truck requiring a CDL to operate in an "all hands on deck" scenario, like a severe staffing shortage or severe weather event.

"I understand the chances of that happening and them needing to use it are slim. I still think management should in case there's an issue. You need to drive the truck, you have to have a CDL," McGowan previously said.

McGowan had said other village employees like fire department Foreman Aaron Hardy and Police Chief Cody Wilson were required to maintain credentials to keep their positions, noting he felt it was no different in the case of a CDL license requirement.

"I will say this, I agree. 110%. I feel that if they're needed, I can go jump on a plow truck. I can jump in there if you're in a bind and it doesn't hamstring you where you're shorthanded. As long as the bargaining units don't mind if we jump in the truck if we have to in an emergency situation. It's nice having it because you never know," Miller previously said.

The inclusion of the CDL requirement came after village officials went back to the bargaining team and asked for the requirement to be included.

Mayor Greg Paquin had characterized the initial negotiations as "very pleasant" and commented that he didn't feel it would be a problem to make the request back in January.

During the Feb. 11 board meeting, Paquin said the request went over "very well" and the union was receptive to the request.

He said it was a matter of give and take that led to, what he felt, was a good and fair contract for both parties involved.

"I just want to thank everyone who was involved. I know contract negotiations are not fun," Paquin said.

Concerns over insurance costs continued to linger, however, as McGowan previously pointed to rising costs meaning a larger impact on taxpayers.

"I appreciate everything management does. My only other thing that we really need to look at is the cost of insurance, and maybe the management should be leading the way. I know nobody wants to get extra out of their pocket on insurance," he said in January.

Paquin said under the new contract contributions from management went up "significantly," from 6 to 10%.

Paquin commented that the village would next prepare for contract negotiations with the Teamsters Union, which represents the Joint Recreation employees.

Paquin said that the contract expires at the end of May.

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'Hometown Heroes' deadline nears

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The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority (OBPA) invites the public to attend the public information meeting for the Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge U.S. Approach Truss Span Painting Rehabilitation (PIN 7754.28, D041413) and U.S. Approach Paving Rehabilitation (PIN 7754.29) projects. This meeting will be held as an Microsoft Teams Live Event on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 starting at 6:00 PM EST. The link for access to the meeting will be on the home page of OBPA's website at www.ogdengsport.com.

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The purpose of the meeting is to obtain comments on the proposed project from individuals, groups, officials, and local agencies. OBPA is specifically soliciting comments on the development of alternatives for the project and comments on the project's social, economic and environmental effects. This public informational meeting is part of the continuing efforts by OBPA, the NYSDOT and FHWA to encourage public input into the development of transportation projects.

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NBM Properties LLC was formed on January 27, 2025. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 1101 River Road, Norwood, NY 13668. NBM Properties LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

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

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Buck Road Holdings, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/15/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Andrew Miller: PO Box 561 Waddington, NY 13694. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**CANTON LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS Sealed Proposals for:
The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence Roofing Siding Project Norwood, NY 13668**

The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence herein called the Owner, invites the submission of sealed bids for the construction work involved with the above listed project.

The project shall bid out as a Single prime contract.

The scope includes:

Removing existing wood trusses and installing new along with asphalt shingles as well as removing and replacing the existing vinyl siding. Contractor to provide new fiberglass insulation at trusses and continuous rigid insulation behind new siding. The building is one story and approximately 17,930 sq.ft.

There will be a pre-bid walk-thru on February 25th, 2025 at 11:00 am at The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence, 63 1/2 South Main Street, Norwood N.Y.

Digital PDF copies of the contract documents and may be obtained at no expense by emailing Kelly at kcalcagnino@cscos.com. The Bidder will be responsible for printing of plans and specifications as deemed necessary in order to prepare their Bid.

The Owner will receive bids until 3:30 pm local time on March 18th at the following office:

Attn: Todd Hansen,
The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence
380 Gaffney Drive
Watertown NY, 13601

All bids shall be in a Sealed Envelope clearly addressed to the above and marked: "Roofing Siding project" and at the time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Any bid may be withdrawn without prejudice prior to the official bid opening time or any publicized postponement thereof. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Owner.

In order to promote our established Affirmative Action Policy, we invite sealed bids from minority groups. This Affirmative Action Policy regarding sealed bids and contracts applies to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, age, sex or handicap. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in the proposal, and to reject any and all proposals.

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**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to all potential creditors who may have an interest in the Estate of Diana Louise Sawattis Lazore. All creditors must represent their interest to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court by February 21, 2025. Any creditors shall contact the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court at 318-358-6300.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES SOLE SUPERVISORY DISTRICT ST. LAWRENCE/LEWIS COUNTIES PO BOX 231, 40 WEST MAIN STREET CANTON, NY 13617 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services, St. Lawrence/Lewis Counties, in accordance with Sections 103 of Article 5-A, of the General Municipal Law, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for **RFB # 25-14 Fuel Oil**. Bids will be received until **Monday, March 10, 2025 @ 11:00 AM** at the St.

Lawrence/Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Office, 40 W Main Street, PO Box 231, Canton, NY 13617. Bid will be open and read aloud at this time and location. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope entitled "Bid Request - RFB # 25-14 Fuel Oil."

Bids documents may be downloaded from www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york or may be obtained by contacting the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Supervisor of Purchasing Services at dbessette@slboces.org or (315)386-4504.

Bids opened and read shall remain irrevocable for a period of sixty days. The award of contracts, if at all, shall be made as soon as practicable after the bid opening. The Board of Education hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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

Notice of Formation of P.J. Haulers, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/04/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Paul B. Johnson, Jr.: 1561 County Route 22, Gouverneur, NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

WADDINGTON PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that license number # NA-0343-24-235407 has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor/wine/beer at retail in a Hotel Liquor Establishment under the alcohollic beverage control law at 13 Main Street, Waddington, New York, Village of Waddington, St. Lawrence County for on-premises consumption.

NORFOLK PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Norfolk, County of St Lawrence, State of New York, at a regular board meeting thereof, held on the 13th day of February, 2025 duly adopted a resolution, which is subject to a permissive referendum to Town Law Article 7 and the Local Finance Law of the State of New York, and abstract of which is as follows:
A resolution authorizing, subject to permissive referendum, the Town of Norfolk to issue serial bonds and notes in anticipation of the issuance thereof and/or statutory installment bonds and notes in anticipation of the issuance thereof, of the Town of Norfolk, New York, in the County of St. Lawrence, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York and pursuant to applicable provisions of the Town Law of the State of New York in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a 2025 or newer Western Star Plow Truck the total cost of which is not to exceed the sum of \$350,000.00
By the order of the Town Board of the Town of Norfolk, New York.
Jill M Molnar, Town Clerk

MORRISTOWN NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW
The Town Council of the Town of Morristown has scheduled a Public Hearing, on Thursday, February 27, at 6:00 pm at 402 Gouverneur Street, Morristown. The general purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the proposed Local Law providing a Volunteer Firefighter and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Real Property Tax Exemption.
Date of Notice: February 12, 2025, by Jill Sullivan, Town Clerk.

LISBON NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of OCJC, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/29/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Travis Church: 192 Dezell Road Lisbon, NY 13658. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Jill M Molnar, Town Clerk

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE
A petition has been filed by Raierenkonnis Edwards for the Estate of Helen Edwards, late of Akwesasne, NY. All potential creditors who may have an interest in the aforementioned Estate or a claim against the Estate of Helen Edwards please contact the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Courts at (518) 358-6300 by no later than March 3, 2025

OGDENSBURG LEGAL NOTICE
City of Ogdensburg 330 Ford Street Ogdensburg, NY 13669 Legal Notice – 2025 February Sewer Rates

February sewer rates are now due and may be paid at the City Comptroller's Office, Room 5, City Hall, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, for thirty (30) days from date of notice without penalty. Please note that we have a drop box on the Caroline Street side of the building marked "Envelope Depository". After Wednesday, March 12, 2025, a penalty of 10% will be added. Invoices have been mailed and should be presented when making payment. Failure to receive a bill does not entitle the customer to the net rate. Online payments are accepted via the City's website at www.ogdensburg.org. Payment on current and past due amounts can be paid by credit card, debit card or e-check. Please see the acceptance agreement for service charges. If you have any questions, please contact the City Comptroller's Office at 315-393-1860. Dated: February 14, 2025 Angela M. Gray, City Comptroller

OSWEGATCHIE NOTICE OF MEETING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that the Town of Oswegatchie's Site Plan Review Board will hold a meeting on March 3, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall, 51 State Street, Heuvelton, NY regarding proposed Auto Zone located at 7640 State Highway 68, tax map #59.024-4-5 and anything else that may come before the board. Vicki L. Thornhill, Town Clerk

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

Notice of Formation of Koberda Technical LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/02/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Alexander Koberda: PO Box 1 Potsdam, NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LISBON NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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MASSENA ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
Project Name and Location: Schine Theater Façade Alterations, located at 63,65,67 Main Street, Massena

Sealed bids for the Schine Theater Façade Alterations, Massena, New York, will be received until **3:00PM, Monday, March 10th 2025** by the Village of Massena, 60 Main Street c/o Monique Chatland or via email at villageclerk@village.massena.ny.us and cmousaw@labellapc.com, at which place and time the bids will be opened. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted. Emailed bids must be RECEIVED prior to the deadline above.

Single lump sum bids are required in accordance with plans and specifications. Sealed bids shall be marked "Schine Theater Façade Alterations, Bid Enclosed - Do Not Open."

Pre-Bid walk-through is scheduled at the site **Thursday, 27th February 2025 at 2:30PM**. Contractors will meet the Architect at the project location.

Bidding and Contract Documents are available starting **14th of February 2025** from the Architect and may be examined at LaBella Associates, DPC, 22 Depot Street Suite 16, Potsdam, NY 13676.

Hard copies of the Bidding and Contract Documents for the proposed work may be obtained at Syracuse Blueprint, 825 East Genesee St., Syracuse, NY, (800)-962-1458.

All bids must be written in ink on the forms provided. Bidders must document all subcontract opportunities to the grant admin team and any Certified MWBEs they intend to use for the project in Line Item #9 on the Bid Form. Bids shall also be accompanied by a completed Non-Collusion Statement and an Affidavit of Non-Use Asbestos, both forms provided with the Bid Forms.

The successful bidder will be required to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Attention of bidders is called to the tax-exempt status of the Massena Arts and Theater Association. This is a private wage rate project.

Prospective Bidders may request clarifications of the bidding documents at other times from the Architect by contacting Brooks Washburn, AIA at 315.268.1338 or Emailing to tcassell@labellapc.com and bwashburn@labellapc.com.

Owner reserves the right to consider all bids for a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days following the bid opening before awarding the Contract, during which period bids shall not be withdrawn, and reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in the bids, and to award the Contract in the Owner's best interest. The date of substantial completion for the work shall be no later than **1st October 2025**.

Riverside Cemetery of Norwood, NY Annual Lot Owners meeting on Saturday, March 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Norwood Municipal Building. All are welcome. Cemetery is looking for new members. Contact Thomas Woodward 315 353 2500. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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

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

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

Notice of Formation of Alec Graham Properties LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to THE LLC: 4090 STATE HIGHWAY 58 GOUVERNEUR, NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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MASSENA NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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

WADDINGTON PUBLIC NOTICE
The Town of Waddington reassessment has been postponed until Spring of 2026. The reassessment roll was scheduled to be released for March 1, 2025, but will be delayed to allow the assessor more time to finalize the new assessed values. A tentative roll will be filed for May 1, 2025 as it would be in any normal assessment cycle year. There will be a public informational session held on Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 P.M. at the Old Town Hall to discuss the new schedule. Property owners can also contact the assessor with any questions by calling the Town Office (315-388-5629) or by email (assessor5282@gmail.com).

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

BIRDDOG PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS LLC. Filed with SSNY on 01/07/2025. Office: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 25 FAIRLANE DR, CANTON, NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of J SPELLICY ENTERPRISES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/14/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to THE LLC: 4090 STATE HIGHWAY 58 GOUVERNEUR, NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Sealed bids will be received at the St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office, where they will be opened and read aloud for; Bid # (2025-02) Sale of Scrap Metal and Electronic Waste for St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Dept. Bid Opening Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 @ 2:00 PM

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office, 48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617-1169.

We strongly encourage all vendors to submit bids as soon as possible. Bidders will be fully responsible for the delivery of their bids a timely matter. Reliance upon the US Postal Service or other carriers is at the bidder's risk. Late bids will not be considered. It is our intent to offer this public bid opening in Zoom format as well as in-person. Please visit our website 15 minutes before the opening at www.Slawco.gov - visit the Purchasing Office page for the link.

All bids must be accompanied by a non-collusion statement. St. Lawrence County reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Please mark bid envelope with the appropriate BID ITEM AND NUMBER and mail to:

St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office
48 Court St.
Canton, NY 13617-1169
February 13, 2025

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

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

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Waddington Town Board is soliciting bids for installation of a new "prep Kitchen" at the old town hall on LaGrasse St, Waddington, NY. The area affected is approximately 15' x 8'. A job site visit is required. Prevailing wage rules are in effect for this project. Proof of liability insurance is required. The Town of Waddington will supply all the building materials for the job. Job description and conceptual project layout is available through the Town Clerk's Office or by going to the website waddingtonnewyork.com. Sealed bids will be accepted by Monday, March 10, 2025 @ 7PM at which time they will be opened and read publicly aloud. The Town of Waddington reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Canton, New York 13617

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

NORTH COUNTRY OPINION

FEBRUARY 22-28, 2025 | NORTH COUNTRY THIS WEEK | MASSENA-OGDENSBURG, NY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Massena resident thanks police after accident

On the evening of Feb. 16 my truck was involved in a minor fender bender.

Massena Police were called to obtain an incident report.

There wasn't a clear or exact address as to where the incident occurred, and even during shift change the response time was impressive.

As I watched the patrolman drive the block in an attempt to locate the poorly-explained location of the incident, I put my hands up to try to get his attention.

When he arrived, Patrolman St. Hilaire began his investigation. The entire encounter was "enjoyed" considering the miserable weather and the fact that my truck was in disarray.

We joked around and shared small talk until the report was complete.

Hats off to Massena Police Department and patrolman St. Hilaire, I'm not sure I would be able to not be annoyed considering the timing at the beginning of his shift, poor location description, and abso-

lutely terrible cold, windy, snowing weather conditions.

Jordan Delosh
Massena

Avoid prejudice All year round

February, first celebrated as Black History Month in 1970 at Kent State University, and nationally recognized by President Gerald Ford, a Republican, in 1976, is a month-long nationwide commemoration now nearly fifty years old.

As we recognize the important contributions made to our nation by so many of our black citizens, we should thank God that our nation keeps moving forward in search of "liberty and justice for all."

Over sixty years ago, the "March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom" took place in August 1963, over 100 years after America's sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln, another Republican, issued his Emancipation Proclamation.

America has made great strides in overcoming prejudice and racism, with many lives sacrificed in the name of freedom. 160 years ago,

February 1865, Union and Confederate forces were nearing the end of a 4-year-long deadly struggle to determine the future of the United States and slavery.

The Civil War ended with a Union victory, bought at a high cost.

To date I have found three direct ancestors who served with New York regiments in that war: one was killed in action, one was wounded in action, and one survived more or less unscathed. They helped pay for our nation's "original sin" of slavery with their blood.

Racism and prejudice have two common denominators: pre-judging others without full knowledge of the facts. It happens still: those who support President Trump and his efforts to "make America great again" are called racists by some on the Left.

I've been labeled as such simply because my nickname, "Dixie Dave," is misunderstood by some who are guilty of pre-judging without knowing how I acquired it, and why I still use it.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said in his memorable 1963 speech, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

It's character, not color, that counts.

I'll close with a line from a favorite movie of mine, "Gettysburg": "The thing is, you cannot judge a race. Any man who judges by the group is a pea-wit. You take men one at a time."

Dixie Dave Ellis
Hammond



Nicandri Nature Center | Courtesy

Snowy Sunday in Massena

The snow stake at Nicandri Nature Center measured a depth of 17 inches Feb. 16. Photo courtesy of Nicandri Nature Center.

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NCNOW SURVEY

Vast majority do not support the new BABY Benefit



Debbie Morgan | NCTW

Last week's question

Do you support the new BABY Benefit?

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?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: How do you usually receive information about extreme winter weather events, such as blizzards, in St. Lawrence County?

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Mapleview Dairy scores \$450,000 grant for automated manure spreading system

BY JOSH DAVIS

North Country This Week

MADRID – A St. Lawrence County dairy farm has received over \$450,000 from New York State to help protect local soil and water quality and reduce the use of fossil fuel.

Madrid's Mapleview Dairy, in cooperation with the St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation district, has received \$457,056 through New York state's Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Enhanced Nutrient and Methane Management Program (CAFO ENMP), which helps implement projects that enhance manure management systems and conserve manure nutrients applied to fields to protect water quality.

David Fisher, New York Farm Bureau President and Mapleview

New partnership with LifeNet of New York benefits Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center

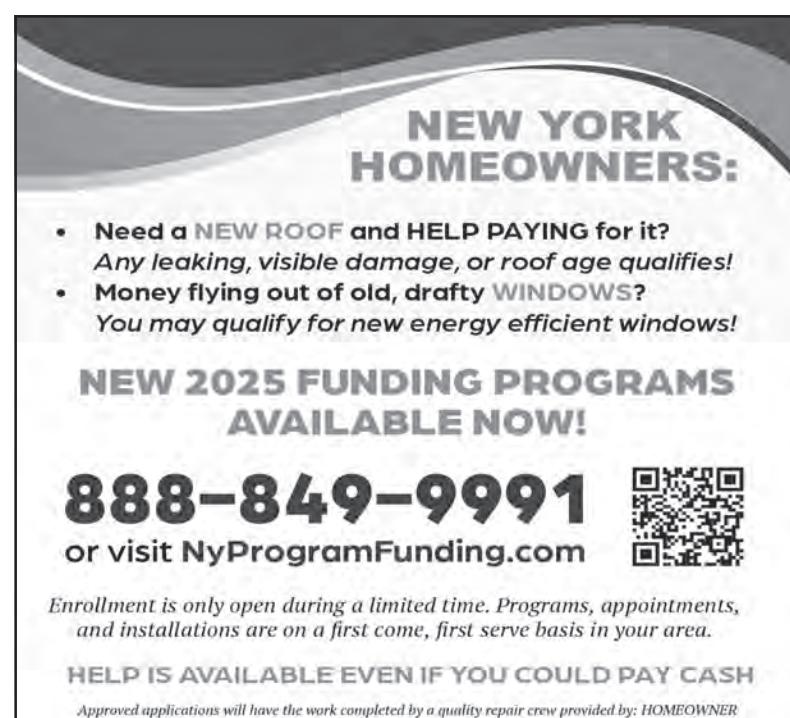
OGDENSBURG - A new partnership with LifeNet of New York will provide critical care patient transport for the North Star Health Alliance (NSHA) that includes the Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center (CHMC) and Claxton-Hepburn Medical Campus (Claxton Campus).

The partnership with LifeNet of New York, a community-based air medical program owned and operated by Air Methods, was recently announced.

LifeNet is the leading air medical provider in the nation. Through this preferred provider agreement (PPA), LifeNet of New York will serve as NSHA's primary



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Dairy owner said that the grant will help the farm install new manure application equipment that uses electric pumps to deliver manure from Mapleview's lagoon to its fields.

Mapleview Dairy is located on Jones Road in the town of Madrid and has been operated by the Fisher family since 1946. The farm milks roughly 3,200 cows and manages 5,000 acres of cropland.

Fisher said that the new manure management system will use GPS technology to guide the equipment in the field autonomously.

A press release from the New York State Department of Agriculture reported that the project will continuously apply dairy manure on 641 acres of cropland and use real-time nutrient monitoring to enhance uptake.

Fisher added that flow meters

and nutrient sensors in the manure line will apply precise amounts of nutrients to meet ideal parameters.

Further, the system will automatically apply smaller amounts of manure in multiple applications, meeting the nutrient needs of growing crops throughout the season.

Manure contains all 17 essential nutrients for plant growth and is a key to building soil health by providing organic matter and enhancing the soil ecosystem. Properly managed, use of manure can offset the need for purchased fertilizer, reducing the amount of imported nutrients onto farms and into a watershed.

Fisher said that the introduction of GPS technology will also reduce the use of fossil fuel and lessen labor requirements.

New York state funded a total of 22 projects through the CAFO.



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Funding for Fort

Massena Transport President Michael Zakarauskas and Vice President Gary Thompson made a generous donation of \$500 (Regiment Level) to Fort Tribute's Garrison. These funds will assist in providing support of events, such as the Civil War weekend and the U.S. Military Timeline. Massena Transport has supported the Fort for a number of years. Fort Tribute is a Civil-War era historical interpretive center located on the grounds of the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum in Madrid. It also has the only single Civil War monument to recognize the Congressional Medal of Honor recipients from St. Lawrence County that fought in the War 1861-1865. For more info visit Facebook forttribute or its website www.forttribute.com.

Walczak wants high gas prices in SLC investigated

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

State Senator Mark Walczak is calling on Attorney General Letitia James to launch a formal investigation into gas price disparities throughout the North Country.

In a letter to James, Walczak said the state has been "enduring significant price disparities in gas prices across regions."

One particular example is St. Lawrence County in the North Country. St. Lawrence County, which according to AAA currently sits at an average of \$3.47 per gallon, nearly 30 cents more than Jefferson County, just south of it. These differences add up, especially in rural areas that require community members to drive 30 to 40 miles to their jobs each day, Walczak wrote.

Walczak said that such disparities can come with supply and demand, "but consistent patterns of elevated pricing in certain counties, suggests issues that require solutions."

"The potential for price gouging practices are of great concern to the constituents affected and they deserve transparency in why these issues are occurring," he wrote.

Walczak urged James to thoroughly investigate the "regional price differences to ensure fairness and transparency in pricing."

In issuing his letter, Walczak joins a growing chorus of lawmakers who want to see an investigation into the pricing disparities seen from county to county.

St. Lawrence County lawmakers recently passed a resolution calling for an investigation as well, with some lawmakers going so far as to suggest collusion and price fixing in the county.

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

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

But he said he wasn't sold on that idea.

"When I go to Star Lake, I can buy gas at Star Lake at the only gas station in town for about 40 cents less than in Canton," he said.

Denesha said the transportation costs would likely be higher for a gas station since "it's not on a major route," yet the prices are consistently lower.

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

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

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



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St. Lawrence County's Teen Ambassadors met with Assemblyman Scott Gray during the annual Legislative Day in Albany.

SLC teen Ambassadors advocate for youth efforts

CANTON – The St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau brought 11 Teen Ambassadors to the Annual Youth Leadership Forum and Legislative Day in Albany Feb. 3 and 4.

The event, sponsored by the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus, provided young leaders with the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions on youth advocacy, policy, and leadership. This year's forum had a strong turnout with 200 teens in attendance.

One of the standout sessions was the QPR Suicide Prevention workshop, led by St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau Director Alexa Chase. The session saw an impressive turnout of 58 students, reinforcing the urgent need for direct suicide prevention training for youth.

During Legislative Day at the State Capitol Building, Teen Ambassadors met with Senators Dan Stec and Mark Walczyk, as well as Assemblyman Scott Gray. These sit-down discussions provided a platform for the Ambassadors to express their appreciation for the legislators' continued support of youth development and sports programs in the North Country.

Ambassadors also shared details of their own initiatives, including:

Five Hour Free (from Social Media) Friday on March 7, encouraging teens to disconnect from screens and engage in real-world

connections.

Their teen-led service project on Teen Safe Driving, sponsored by Youth as Solutions through the National Youth Leadership Council.

Anant Bansal, Youth Committee Chairman and a senior at Potsdam High School, reflected on the experience.

"It was inspiring to see how every Teen Ambassador stepped up, voiced their thoughts, and engaged in meaningful conversations during Legislative Day. Everyone truly opened up, shared personal perspectives, and made a strong case for the importance of youth advocacy in our community. The maturity and confidence shown in that moment made me incredibly proud to be part of this group," Bansal said.

The following Teen Ambassadors proudly represented St. Lawrence County at this year's event: Anant Bansal, Elif Cetinkaya and Anya Bansal, all from Potsdam; Prudence Cutwa from Lisbon; Angiolina Hukovic from Morristown; Alivia Sochia, Parishville-Hopkinton; Stanley LaFave from Heuvelton; Ben Weaver and Tyree Hawkins from Madrid-Waddington; Kaitlyn Holmes from Canton; and Dino Hukovic from Ogdensburg.

For teens interested in joining the St. Lawrence County Youth Committee, contact AChase@stlawco.gov for more information.



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Massena Central names dozens to its high honor roll and honor roll

MASSENA – The following students were named to the Massena Central High School High Honor Roll and Honor Roll for the 2nd marking period.

The following criteria qualify students for inclusion on the Honor Rolls: 1.

High Honor – 92-100% average – students will have at least 85% in all subjects and maintain a 92% average. 2. Honor – 85-91% average – students will have at least 80% in all subjects and maintain an 85% average.

High Honor Roll

Class of 2028- Grade 9: Lilly Barksdale, Samantha Beard, Madelyn Binion, Jocelyn Butterfield, Bostin Caldwell, Sadie Cameron, Victoria Castro, Gabriel Coe, Zoee Cook, Colin Cyrus, Angelina Daniell, Logan David, Brynn DeVivo, Jason DuBray, Aiden Edwards, Elise Elliott, Marcus Firnstein, Madden Herne, Stella Kelso, Cooper Kennedy, Zaleigh King, Madelyn Laraby, Cohen LaShomb, Karissa LaShomb, Tayte Lincoln, Kylie Murtagh, Gauge Northrup, Jakob Page, Wyatt Preston, Brayden Richards, Keegan Roberts, Rori Siddon, Natalia Sunday, Aaden Tarbell, and Summer Thompson-Garrow.

Class of 2027- Grade 10: Jasalyn Arcet, Luke Bogart, Josey Bonilla, Kyla Donahue, Karynn Dow, Nevaeh Gardner, Kohl Goodfellow, Coleton Henry, Natalie Hurlbut, Abigail LaBarge, Kaylie Ledbet-

ter, Elijah Morgan, Mya Nelligan, Lauren Oliver, Austin Richards, Hannah Roundpoint, Christian Salvador Monteiro, Kadyn Spoon, Kristy Summers, Emma Tyo, and Aubrey White.

Class of 2026- Grade 11: Hailey Boulaiz, Christopher Boyea, Devan Butterfield, Andrew David, Brooke-Lynn Demo, Jordan DuBray, Sadie Fent, Kate Finnegan, Cheyenne Goodspeed, Lauren Henning, Michael Herrick, Benjamin Hoxie, Joie-Lynn Jabaut, Jack Jarrett, Zachary Johnson, Jaeden LaFleur, Rory Lawrence, Allie Lincoln, Sean Macleod, Jacob Monroe, Bethany Myers, Mackenzie Oldenburgh, Kaniehtenta Thompson, and Hannah Worthley.

Class of 2025- Grade 12: Brennan Aldous, Samantha Arney, Mercedes Barse, Isabel Beard, Evan Bovay, Lillian Carr, Makenzie Courson, Katelyn Earl, Meghan Firnstein, Shelby-Lynn Firnstein, Natalee Goosha, Sophia Greco, Austin Hardy, Laila Jarrett, Madison LaDuke, Hailey LaShomb, Isabelle Laughlin, Molly LaVack, Kyler Lippasaar, Ella Matejcek, Leah Morgan, Andrew Peets, Addison Point, Emma Pollack-Marashian, Ameerah Premo, Ananda Premo, Sophia Prentice, Garrett St. Hilaire, Haileigh St. Louis, Adrianna Summers, Xavier Taddeo, Cullen Taraska, Laila Thompson, Connor Trimble, Alexandra Westmacott, and Zander Wilhelm.

Honor Roll

Class of 2028- Grade 9: Nevaeh Abney, Andrew Boyea, Ciara Chapman, Cooper Clark, Gabrielle Debien, Austin Hannah-Albon, Jordyn Jabaut, Lexis Kerr, Jordan Klught, Patrick LaBarge, Gavin

Mitchell, Jake Paller, Reese Prentice, Arianna Scruton, Alexander Tarbell, Mallory Tsibulsky, and Peyton Weaver.

Class of 2027- Grade 10: Jaydenlee Alvarado, Luke Arno, Alexander Cicchetti, Carmen Collins, Tucker Connor, Collin Earl, Carson Englert, Andie Enslow, Reese Faucher, Chloe Goosha, Mary Hamilton, Christine LaBar, Vivianne Martinez, Peyton McDermott, Kimber O'Donnell, Mason Phelix, Aaliyah Prashaw, Kade Premo, Jenna Pryce, Armani Rife, Hunter Smith, Taven Tassie, Kole Topa, Kairi Weber, and Nicholas Winston.

Class of 2026- Grade 11: Jacob Baillargeon, Layla Currier, Mattie Currier, Morgan Farnsworth, Camron Francis, Lillian Fregoe, Gemma Girard, Ava Goodspeed, Emma Gushlaw, Julianna Hubbard, Jeremiah Hurlbut, Karonhiawas Lazore-Bova, Colby Ledbetter, Drake Love, Aubrey McGee, Arieonna Murphy, Carson Roberts, Breigh Steenberg, Makayla Thomas, Nylah Tillman, Drake Villnave, and Makenna Webb.

Class of 2025- Grade 12: Lauryn Arnold, Lyllian-Renee Ash, Macie Ashley, Aiden Beckstead, Elizabeth Birdou, Cole Bogart, Jacob Carlin, Owen Chapman, Owen Cyrus, Taylor Ellsworth, Jeffery Ford, Cade Fregoe, Brady Frost, Chelsea Gay, Nathan Goolden, Gracie Granger, Kylie Haley, Emma Hart, Tessa Helmer, Gavin Hollinger, Kaiden LeRoux, Haylee Love, Natalie McKenna, Taylor Mitchell, Justin Monroe, Parker O'Neil, Hannah O'Shea, Nathan Page, Amelia Ransom, Christian Riddle, Sydney Rochefort, Kaitlin Stowell, Isabelle Sunday, Kayla Topa, and Landon Ward.



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Lisbon student of the month

Tanner Martin, a senior from Lisbon Central School has been selected as the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce December BOCES Student of the Month. From the left are Jon Santamoor, Natural Resource Management Instructor, Northwest Tech BOCES; George Scoville-Upham, Principal, Lisbon Central School; Angela Martin, his mom; Tanner Martin, Laura Pearson, Ogdensburg Community Coordinator for the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce; Steve Morrow, Principal, Northwest Tech BOCES and Tim Morse, guidance counselor, Northwest Tech BOCES. .

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Dear Friends,

As I look back on 2024, I feel incredibly proud of everything we have accomplished together.

This year, the Police Activities League (PAL) of Massena continued to grow, providing a safe, fun, and welcoming place for kids in our community.

Thanks to the hard work of our staff, volunteers, and supporters, we were able to offer exciting programs, special events, and meaningful connections between youth and law enforcement.



One of the things I love most about PAL is seeing the smiles on kids' faces when they try something new—whether it's playing a sport, building friendships, or learning important life skills.

This year, we added new activities, strengthened our partnerships, and made sure every member who walked through our doors felt like they belonged.

None of this would be possible without you—our supporters, parents, officers, and community members who believe in the power of PAL.

Because of you, we are changing lives and building a brighter future for the next generation.

Thank you for being part of our journey. I can't wait to see what we accomplish together in 2025!

With appreciation,

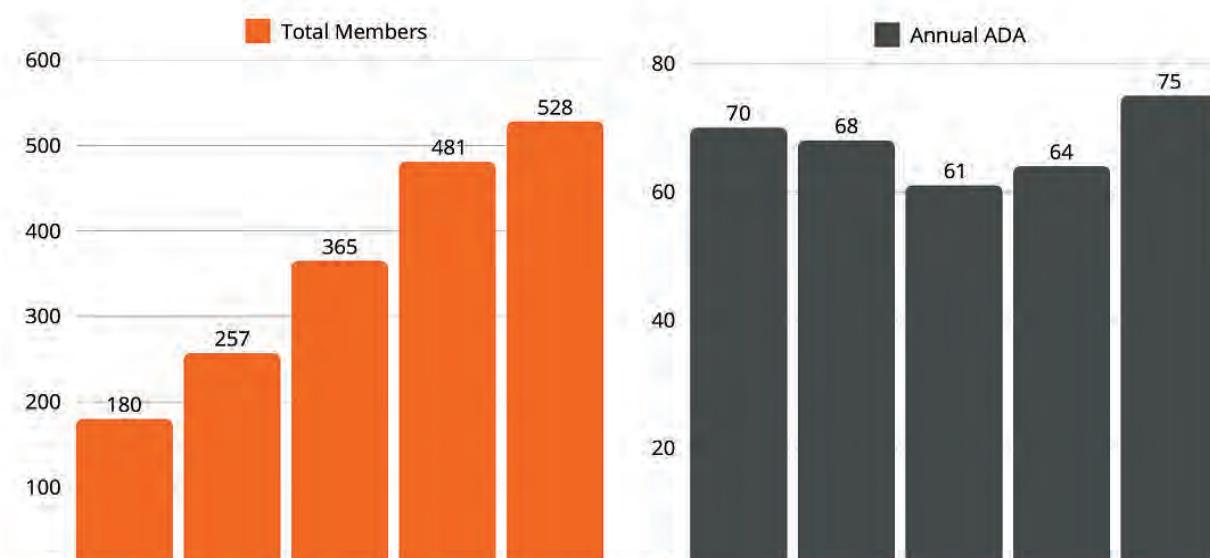
Zachary Monroe
Executive Director



MASSENA PAL

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

2024



2024 MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN

14,627

Total Visits

269

Total Youth Members

27,500

Total Program Service Hours

7,464

Snacks Served

2024 PAL MEMBERSHIP BY GRADE

15-18 High School

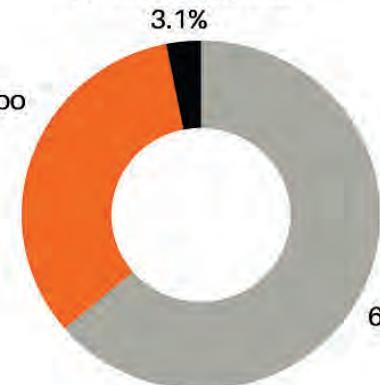
3.1%

12-14 Middle School

33.2%

6-11 School Age

63.7%



Every contribution impacts future local youth programs

In 2024, Massena PAL continued to provide a safe and engaging space for local youth, but the financial landscape has presented new challenges.

While grant funding remains the backbone of our operations, a significant portion is restricted to program-related expenses, leaving critical operational costs—such as facility maintenance, staffing, and utilities—without dedicated funding.

Compounding this issue, recent talks of federal funding cuts have placed even greater pressure on our ability to sustain daily operations.

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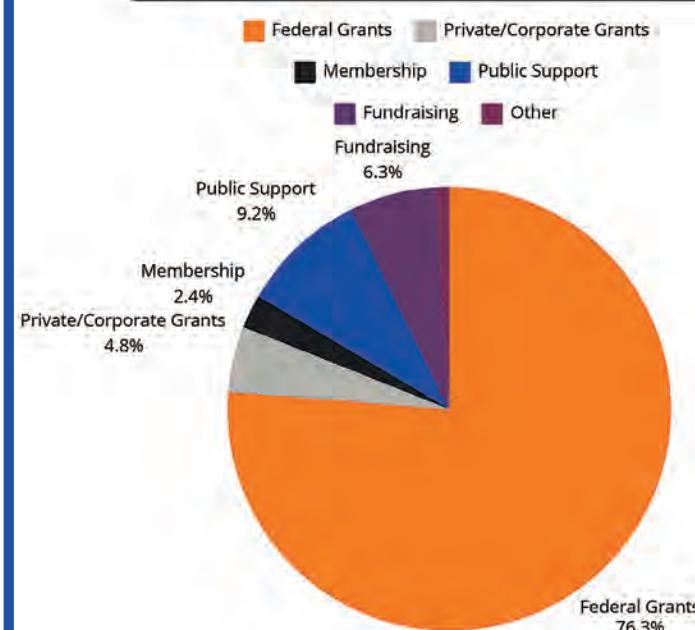
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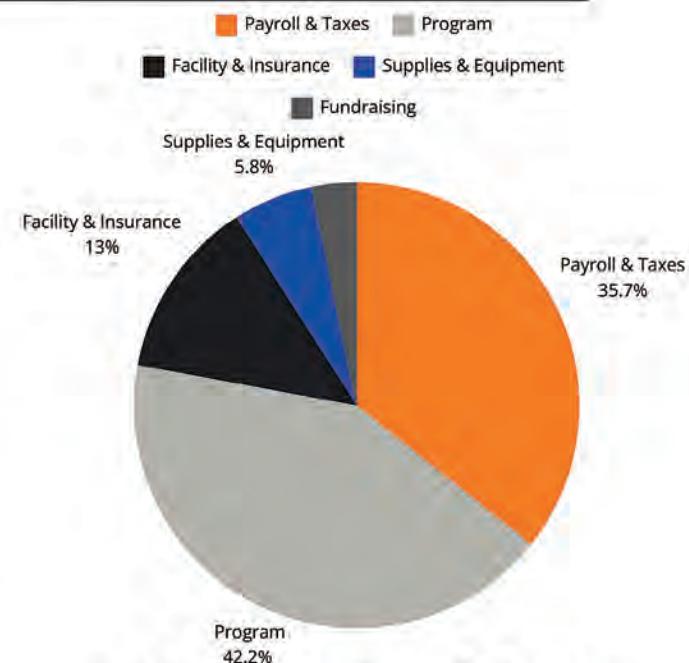
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FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

2024



Revenue Breakdown



Expense Breakdown

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Key Financial Points

In 2024, the Police Activities League of Massena successfully maintained a strong financial position, generating a total income of \$495,326.69, while total expenses amounted to \$487,131.55, resulting in a net income of \$7,833.53.

Revenue Breakdown

- Grants & Public Support:** PAL received \$401,697.80 from government grant programs. Community contributions, including individual and business donations, totaled \$45,690.74.
- Program & Fundraising Revenue:** Membership dues

contributed \$12,036.29, while fundraising events—including the annual Golf Tournament, Trivia Night, and Car Wash—generated \$28,122.37. Additional fundraising income of \$2,815.00 further supported program initiatives.

- Other Income:** Investment interest, miscellaneous revenue, and other sources provided an additional \$5,144.31.

Expense Overview

- Program & Staff Costs:** The largest expense was program operations, including staff wages (\$254,834.78), program supplies (\$34,949.96), and sports & recreation activities (\$2,179.50), totaling \$316,873.62.
- Facilities & Occupancy:** Renovations, utilities, and maintenance costs reached \$64,005.54, ensuring a safe and engaging space for youth activities.
- Fundraising & Grants:** Event expenses for fundraising efforts totaled \$9,888.78, while specific grant-funded projects, including the SLC RVRDA Grant, accounted for \$18,750.00.
- Payroll & Administrative Expenses:** Payroll-related costs, including taxes and insurance, were \$35,808.52, with additional administrative expenses such as accounting, office supplies, and advertising totaling \$25,227.77.
- Financial Position:**
- Despite economic challenges, PAL ended the year with a positive net income of \$7,833.53, demonstrating financial stability while continuing to provide essential programs and opportunities for local youth. Strategic fundraising, grant management, and community partnerships remain key to sustaining and expanding our impact in the coming year.**



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Empowering local young artists with NCATA Program

POTSDAM – The North Country Art Teachers Association (NCATA) is celebrating the 2024/2025 cohort of NCATA Scholars Program, designed to inspire and empower high school artists across the North Country, a press release from SLC Arts said.

Building on the success of last year's pilot program, the 2024/2025 session will offer expanded opportunities for emerging young creatives to learn, collaborate, and showcase their talent.

The NCATA Scholars Program brings together high school art students for two immersive workshop days, where they will work alongside local professional artists in a rigorous and supportive setting.

Participants explore various artistic techniques and mediums, fostering both technical skills and creative expression.

The program will culminate in a public exhibition, providing students with an invaluable platform to share their work with the community.

"The NCATA Scholars Program is about more than art—it's about connection, growth, and inspiration," said Jason Hubbard, NCATA President. "We're excited to see these young artists thrive in this unique collaborative environment."

The program's inaugural session in May and June 2024 will

SEE ART ON 17.



Instructor Jan Dewaters aiding student Mia Snyder at the Third Wheel Pottery Studio during this year's NCATA Scholars Program, designed to inspire and empower high school artists across the North Country. This year's program will feature an exhibition on May 28.

WHAT'S GOING ON

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 -- Join us for a great evening of community, music, movement, and fun! 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. 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Saturday, February 22, 2025. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$16 per couple, \$25 per family. Beth Robinson, cello1@twcny.rr.com.

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. Register at 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. You can also reduce up to 4 points from your motor vehicle driving record upon completion of the class. Contact Robin Miller 315 323 0282 to sign up and reserve your spot in class. Class size is limited. Pre-payment guarantees your spot in the class. Be sure to bring your NYS drivers license or learner's permit with you.

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 . Cornhole tourney to follow at the station.

Jam session

HEUVELTON - A jam session hosted by the NaizAftr9 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.

SEE CALENDAR ON 17.

Potsdam Rotary names gala in memory of Massena's Beck Tessier

POTSDAM -- The Rotary Club of Potsdam has named its scholarship gala in memory of late Rotarian Rebecca J. "Beck" Tessier of Massena, who died in November after a valiant, two-year battle with ALS.

The scholarship gala, which benefits BOCES Seaway Career & Technical Education Center programs, will now be known as the "Beck Tessier Memorial Scholarship Gala."

Tessier was a member of Potsdam Rotary from 2018 until her death and had a special fondness for the scholarship gala. She was instrumental in the planning and execution of the first gala, and was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary in 2020 for her demonstrated commitment to the goals and purposes of Rotary.

This year's gala, with the theme of "Around the World," will be held on Saturday, March 22, at the Elks Lodge in Potsdam.

A 5 p.m. cash bar will be followed by a



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buffet dinner featuring a choice of steamboat prime rib, balsamic chicken or vegetarian lasagna). Prize drawing, a trivia contest and dancing will follow. The cost is \$45 per-person advance purchase with a limited number of tickets. If available, tickets will be \$50 at the door.

The evening also includes a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, and other games.

Tickets can be purchased online at potsdamrotary.org (click on "Donate") or from any Potsdam Rotarian. Tickets may also be purchased by mailing a check for \$45 per person to "Potsdam Rotary, PO Box 912, Potsdam, NY 13676." If purchasing by mail, please include attendees' names and entrée choices or email them to gala@potsdamrotary.org. You may also email any questions to gala@potsdamrotary.org.

This event raises money for the end-of-the-year awards, one to a student in each program.

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Battle of Ogdensburg to be staged this weekend

OGDENSBURG -- Marching Red Coats will advance through the streets of the burg this weekend to put down a would-be rebellion once more during the annual Battle of Ogdensburg reenactment.

The Fort La Présentation Association and Forsyth's Rifles will stage the War of 1812 era battle Saturday, Feb. 22 and Sunday, Feb. 23, with a beach landing, the crack of muskets, and cannon fire.

The original Battle of Ogdensburg occurred Feb. 22, 1813 and resulted in American forces being routed by British and loyalist troops, with the rebels pushed back to Sackets Harbor.

The Battle of Ogdensburg reenactment public schedule of events includes:

- Saturday, Feb. 22
- 10:30 a.m. Wreath laying Cere-



Photo by Denny Barr

Reenactors fire off a salvo in the 2024 Battle of Ogdensburg.

mony at Sheriff York Grave at the Ogdensburg Cemetery

1:30 p.m. Battle re-enactment (downtown Ogdensburg).

Coffee at the Ogdensburg History Museum, 206 Ford St. immediately following the Battle.

3 p.m. lecture "The Significance of Horse Island" with Connie Baro,

immediately following the reenactment.

- Sunday, Feb. 23

1:30 p.m. Battle re-enactment at (Lighthouse) Van Rensselaer Point, 22 Albany Ave.

All events are free and open to the public.

Info: www.fort1749.org.

Bus trip planned to Lancaster, PA in June

OGDENSBURG -- An Ogdensburg group is planning a bus trip to Lancaster, PA in June.

The bus will leave from JB Wise Plaza in Watertown on June 24 at 7 a.m. and arrive back in Watertown on the evening of June 25.

The trip includes transport by Premier Coach Bus Line, a ticket to the state-of-the-art "Sight and Sound Theater" for the production of "NOAH," dinner at the famous Shady Maple Smorgasbord and shop, visits to Family Farm Quilts

and Crafts, and Kitchen Kettle Village and a nights stay at the Holiday Express Inn and Suites, with a hot breakfast. Lunch will be provided on the 24th. Cost is \$350. A deposit of \$50 is due by March 16. For reservations call 315-323-6646.

CALENDAR . . .

(Continued from page 16.)

Senior dance

MASSENA -- A senior citizens dance night is set for Feb. 22 from 5-9 p.m. at 61 Beach St. The cost is \$7 at the door and live music will be provided by Small Town Ramblers. The kitchen is open 4:30 to 7 p.m. Public is welcome.

Super Saturday tax help

MASSENA - Super Saturday is back at SeaComm. This free tax prep event on Feb. 22 at SeaComm's Main Office in Massena from 8-11 a.m.; and at the Malone branch from 1-5 p.m. provides the opportunity for low and moderate-income working individuals and families to have their income tax return prepared free of charge. Eligibility is generally limited to taxpayers with an income under \$70,000. 1-800-764-0566 for an appointment.

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

Sports cards, coins

MASSENA -- A sports cards, coins and collectibles show is slated for Sunday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at American Legion, 40 East Orvis St. Cost is \$2 for admission and includes door prizes and raffles.

MONDAY, FEB. 24

Craft night at library

NORFOLK -- Join the Hepburn Library of Norfolk, 1 Hepburn St., every Monday from 4-8 p.m. for Open Craft Night. Bring whatever you're working on and have some fun alongside friends old and new. The library's Maker Space has a Cricut, Sewing Machine, and more. Free. nolib@ncls.org, 315-384-3052.

WEDS., FEB. 26

Author talk on globe trot

MASSENA -- Local author Stephen Mundy will share his adventures traveling over 30 countries with his new book, "Take a Decade" at Massena Public Library Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m. Once a financial advisor, he took vacation time to backpack in Europe. The

trip changed his life. He quit his job and traveled across the globe for a decade. The book a true story about adventure, opportunities, friendships, good times, and bad times. There is love and death, happiness and sadness, and a lifetime of many happy memories.

Free lunch

NORWOOD -- There will be a free community luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 42 S Main St., from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This month's luncheon will include spaghetti with meat balls, toasted garlic bread, salad and dessert.

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

Volleyball fundraiser

MADRID -- The Madrid-Waddington Central School Class of 2025 will host a volleyball fundraiser Thursday, Feb. 27. There will be a co-ed basketball game for fifth and sixth graders at 6 p.m. A faculty versus seniors volleyball game takes place immediately after. The cost is \$2 to attend and there will be food and raffles as well.

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

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.

SAT., MARCH 1

Used book sale

BRASHER FALLS - Friends of the Badenhausen Public Library will be holding their monthly used book sale on Saturday, March 1 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Badenhausen Library, 897 Main Street, Brasher Falls. Featured this month will be a selection of DVDs and CDs priced at 20 for \$1. All book genres will also be available. 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 and young adults can select one free book at each monthly book sale. Funds raised will benefit the Badenhausen Public Library. Friends of the Badenhausen Public Library will hold book sales on the first Saturday of each month as an on-going fund raiser.



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UH Rocks fundraiser to give away tickets to live music, comedy, monster trucks, wrestling

OGDENSBURG -- Bands and musicians like Luke Bryan, Thomas Rhett, Creed, Shania Twain, Rod Stewart and Chicago are all traveling to Upstate New York for shows this summer.

If you're the lucky winner of United Helper's UH Rocks ticket drawing, you could be enjoying the show from one of the best seats in the house.

The winner of this drawing will receive a \$500 Ticketmaster gift card. Not a fan of live music, comedians like Kevin Hart, Jeff Dunham and Brad Williams will all be coming to the area too. Tickets to events like the WWE, monster trucks and even many theatrical productions could be at your fingertips.

"Following the success of the NFL Fan's Choice Drawing held this past summer, we wanted to once again do something different, something that would appeal to the masses and something that could once again attract interest from people who may not be our stereotypical fundraising demographic," said United Helpers Marketing Manager Benny Fairchild. "With the wide range of entertainment options available through Ticketmaster, we feel like this does just that."

Tickets for this will be \$10 each. Bundles are also available with three tickets for \$25 or seven tickets for \$50.

"While not everyone enjoys football, most people do enjoy live entertainment, whether it's music, comedy, theatre or something else," said Assistant Director of Corporate Services Jordan Downing-Duke. "The winner of this drawing really has a ton of options; they could buy one amazing seat to a show of their choice or maybe even enjoy lawn seats for several shows at the amphitheater in Syracuse. The choice is theirs."

Tickets will be available online at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ticketmasterdrawing/event/uhrocks/>.

Tickets will also be available during regular business hours at the United Helpers RiverLedge Campus reception desk, located at 8101 State Hwy 68 in Ogdensburg.

Only 1,000 tickets will be printed, with sales continuing until all tickets are sold or 11:59 pm on Sunday, March 30. The drawing will be held on Tuesday, April 1 giving the winner plenty of time to pick out which show or shows they would like to attend.

Transportation, meals, and lodging are not included with the prize.

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Potsdam Rotary thanks the local businesses that generously donated scholarships to outstanding graduating Seaway Tech students in 2024: Atlantic Testing Laboratories; Brookfield Renewable U.S.; Community Bank; Core Access Therapies, Dr. William Pena; Frenchie's Chevrolet; Glow Skincare and Spa; The Lobster House; Midwife Sunday; North Country Savings Bank; Northern Mechanicals; Putney Tree Service; SUNY Potsdam Law Enforcement Training Institute; TJ Toyota; and Waddington Hardware and Building Supply.

The Rotary Club of Potsdam was founded 97 years ago on the basis of community service by business leaders in many professions. A monthly award for BOCES students, the "Rev. William R. and Crystal E. Cuthbert Vocational Excellence Award Sponsored by Brookfield Renewable U.S.," has received several district awards. The club presents the monthly award to Seaway Tech students in each of 15 programs.

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The Tri-Town Winter Carnival had many floats, including Star Wars costumes, in the parade Saturday, Feb. 15.



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FLOATS, CRAFTS, TOURNAMENTS AND OTHER FUN IN TRI-TOWN

A parade, snowmobile poker run, craft fair, tournaments, and a variety of family activities were among the many events at the annual Tri-Town Winter Carnival Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14 and 15.

Other events in Brasher, Winthrop and Lawrence included longest icicle and snow sculpture contests, library book sale and children's events.

The floats had many familiar characters, including Donald Duck, Beauty and the Beast, Rapunzel, Star Wars, 101 Dalmatians and Toy Story.

The craft fair with 60 vendors drew several hundred

people to St. Lawrence Central School, along with several kid zone activities held at the school.

However, the snowstorm cancelled some of the remaining weekend activities, including the fireworks, rescheduled before St. Patrick's Day weekend, March 15.

The rescheduling of the North Lawrence and Lawrenceville Fire Department's events are being discussed.

The carnival was organized by the Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce.

Youth Bureau encourages community to unplug for 'Five Hour Free Friday'

CANTON – During a recent St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators meeting, four Youth Committee Teen Ambassadors the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau asked legislators to support their teen-led service project, "Five Hour Free (from Social Media) Friday," scheduled for Friday, March 7 from 4-9 p.m.

Social media overuse has been linked to increased anxiety, depression, and decreased face-to-face social interaction, a press release from the Bureau said.

A 2023 study published in JAMA Pediatrics found that excessive screen time can alter brain development in adolescents, affecting attention span, emotional regulation, and sleep patterns, said the Bureau.

The study highlighted that teens who engage with social media for extended periods often experience heightened stress levels and lower self-esteem (Source: JAMA Pediatrics, 2023).

"Social media overuse causes poor emotional health and can contribute to depression and anxiety," said Anant Bansal, Youth Committee Chairman and a senior at Potsdam High School.

He continued, "Our Teen Ambassadors support a

social media detox and encourage time to connect with one another away from screens. During a local survey, we found that teens spend more than 5 1/2 hours a day on their social media, and nationally, teens spend more than 8 hours on their phones."

The Bureau hopes the initiative encourages not only teenagers but also adults to unplug and engage in real-world interactions.

"Everyone, children, teens, and adults, needs to take intentional breaks from screens and focus on spending quality time together. Whether it's having a conversation over dinner, playing a board game, or enjoying a walk outside, stepping away from social media can help us reconnect with what truly matters," said Alexa Chase, Director of the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau.

The Youth Bureau invites all residents in St. Lawrence County to take the pledge and join "Five Hour Free (From Social Media) Friday" on March 7.

To participate or learn more, contact the Youth Bureau by emailing Alexa Chase at AChase@stlawco.gov or calling 315-379-9464.

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Gretchen Braun of Lisbon shattered five records at a recent invitational in Schenectady.

Lisbon teen swimmer sets five records at Region 1 Short Course Invitational, wins High-Point Award

LISBON — It was a weekend to remember for Gretchen Braun of Lisbon, as she delivered an epic performance at the 2025 Region 1 Short Course Invitational, held Feb. 17-19 in Schenectady.

Representing Northern TRIBS Swimming, Braun shattered five records and also claimed the prestigious Female High-Point Award after three days of intense competition.

Braun's standout moment came in the 200 Backstroke, where she set an astounding five records. Her time of 1:57.01 not only broke the Meet Record but also set new Adirondack Resident 15-18 and Senior Records, as well as Adirondack District 15-18 and Senior

Records. Earlier in the weekend, she also set a District Record in the 15-18 Female 200 IM, finishing in 2:02.26.

Beyond the records, Braun's versatility and dominance were on full display across seven events. She secured first-place finishes in both the 100 Backstroke (53.85) and the 200 Backstroke (1:57.01). She also took second place in the 200 IM (2:02.26), 200 Free (1:50.38), 100 Free (50.79), and 50 Free (23.48), and finished fourth in the 100 Fly (56.20).

With this impressive array of results, Braun earned the Female High-Point Award, a testament to her all-around excellence and endurance throughout the weekend.

SUNY Potsdam to conduct Free Application Week

POTSDAM — SUNY Potsdam will hold another Free Application Week for all freshman and transfer applicants, running from Saturday, Feb. 22 through Sunday, March 2, 2025.

This initiative aims to make the application process more accessible for prospective students and families.

"We are excited to offer another great opportunity to prospective students," said Director of Admissions Terry Francis '97 & '00. "SUNY Potsdam is a transformative place where students can discover their passions and define their future. We are always seeking ways to remove barriers and open doors for students. Our Admissions team, along with the entire campus, are here to help students write the next chapter in their story."

To take advantage, students just need to apply between Feb. 22 and March 2, using either the SUNY Application or the Common Application. During the period, the campus will cover the \$50 application fee for all undergraduate applications.

The Free Application Week builds on SUNY Potsdam's emphasis on holistic admissions and access. SUNY Potsdam was proud to be the first campus in the SUNY System to move to test-optional admissions in 2010, shifting to an admissions process that focuses on applicants' track records in high school and/or college, rather than standardized test scores.

To learn more about SUNY Potsdam's Free Application Week, visit www.potsdam.edu/freeapp.

SUING . . .

2024 for the second complaint.

An exhibit filed in the court documents shows the summons was received by TikTok Inc., ByteDance Inc. ByteDance Ltd., and TikTok LLC only.

A second exhibit shows Meta also acknowledged receipt of the summons on Dec. 11, with a third exhibit showing Snap. Inc. also acknowledged the summons on Dec. 11.

A request for comment submitted to Superintendent Ron Burke was not immediately returned as of press time.

Massena Central joins a growing list of schools and states suing the social media giants, with each district and state alleging the social media companies have played a key role in the youth mental health crisis.

The list of plaintiffs suing Meta, Alphabet and their entities represent a diverse range of districts, from California school to New York.

The onslaught of legal action against the social media companies began when Seattle Public Schools filed a lawsuit in 2023, noting that students were increasingly suffering from anxiety, depression and thoughts of self-harm.

According to that lawsuit, the district laid much of the blame on the social media companies for "exploiting the neurophysiology of the brain's reward systems to keep users coming back."

That in turn led to social media addiction, which was only exacerbated by the numerous lockdowns experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In many lawsuits, plaintiffs allege that lack of oversight, inconsistent policies and community standards have played a key role in youth mental health issues and even suicides in recent years.

Many schools have moved to ban cell phones on the property, with

a number of school districts in the North Country implementing policies ranging from a bell to bell ban to designated times for use, such as lunch periods.

The measure has also gained considerable traction at the state level, with many lawmakers joining the growing chorus of advocates who say a bell to bell ban is necessary to safeguard students and their mental health.

Others argue the social media companies have proven to be a distraction during school hours, leading to reduced attention spans, inability to focus on school work, as well as a lack of socialization at critical ages for youth, which in turn leads to some developmental issues.

According to a study from the Pew Research Center, 71% of U.S. teens between the ages of 13 and 17 who took part in a study say they visit YouTube at least once per day.

The study also showed that 58% of students polled used TikTok at least once per day, while 51% used Snapchat at least once per day.

A total of 47% said they visited Instagram at least once per day, while 19% say they used Facebook at least once per day.

Of the lawsuits filed by at least 41 states, 33 state attorneys general allege the social media companies shared data about children under the age of 13 without their parents' consent, in violation of federal privacy laws.

"Meta has harnessed powerful and unprecedented technologies to entice, engage, and ultimately ensnare youth and teens. Its motive is profit, and in seeking to maximize its financial gains, Meta has repeatedly misled the public about the substantial dangers of its social media platforms," the complaint from the 33 states says.

"It has concealed the ways in which these platforms exploit and manipulate its most vulnerable con-

sumers: teenagers and children."

MAPLE . . .

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PROTEST . . .

Association, Inc. also denounced all strikes, job actions, slowdowns, call-ins, and other similar actions.

The union called for any plans and actions to cease immediately in the release.

"Job actions/strikes have serious consequences including, but not limited to, immediately docking your pay at a rate of two days of pay for each day of the job action, plus suspension, discipline and potential termination," the release stated.

Involvement by union officials exposes those officials and the union to investigations, criminal charges, termination, loss of dues checkoff, loss of certain collective bargaining rights, and fines, the release states.

"Union officials have a legal obligation to condemn and stop all strikes, job actions, slowdowns, call-ins or other similar actions and a failure to do so could jeopardize NYS COPBA's ability to represent the interests of its membership," they wrote.

But that message runs contrary

to that of North Country lawmakers, including Senate and Assembly representatives.

Senator Mark Walczyk issued a press release to call on the governor to "stop ignoring the pressing needs of corrections officers."

"It is no surprise that we find ourselves in this situation. Time and again, Corrections Officers have raised their voices for support and necessary reforms, yet their pleas have gone unanswered. Instead of prioritizing the safety of our COs across the state, Governor Hochul and her colleagues have enacted policies that hinder their ability to do their jobs effectively and safely."

Our Corrections Officers face life-threatening conditions every day in an environment that has descended into chaos. The absence of meaningful reform has put them in harm's way. It is high time we prioritize their safety and stop coddling criminals," Walczyk emphasized.

He said he has a proven track record of advocating for corrections officers during his more than six years in the legislature, something he will continue to do as he continues to serve.

In a press release issued on Feb. 18, Assemblyman Scott Gray said he "wholeheartedly supports" the correctional officers during "these challenging times."

"I have personally visited two facilities with plans to visit a third tomorrow. It is evident that change and improved working conditions are urgently needed to ensure the safety and well-being of both the officers and their families," he said.

Gray said the safety of the officers and security of the state prisons is at risk, noting that lower staffing numbers have played a huge part in that.

"The unrest is a reflection of the growing crisis facing New York's correctional facilities. Last year, a record 1,760 assaults on prison staff were

documented. If that doesn't exemplify the dangerous conditions our officers face, I don't know what does," he said.

He called the conditions officers are working in as "unacceptable," calling out the governor's office and state leaders in the process.

"Instead of providing our correctional officers with the support they need, this administration continues to push policies like the HALT Act, which only make their jobs more dangerous," he said.

State Senator Dan Stec went a step further, calling on DOCCS Commissioner Daniel Martuscello III to resign from his post.

"A few weeks ago, two dozen officers and civilian staffers at Upstate Correctional Facility received medical care after a synthetic drug exposure. Last week, inmates took over dorms and forced a lockdown at Collins. These events are occurring because of HALT, loopholes in the secure vendor process and use of body scanners and reduced staffing levels. It's clear that Commissioner Martuscello is incapable of responding to these very real safety concerns and has lost the trust of our correction officers," Stec said.

"For the safety of these dedicated men and women and to help restore order and faith in the leadership structure of DOCCS, Commissioner Martuscello must resign or be removed from his post," Stec said.

Stec noted he also sponsored legislation calling for the repeal of the HALT Act, which many say has made state prisons unsafe to work in.

He also called for mandatory body scanners and improved secure vendor processing, two critiques that have been raised following reports of numerous drug overdoses by prisoners and repeated exposures by corrections officers and medical staff at multiple prisons, including Upstate Correctional Facility in Malone.

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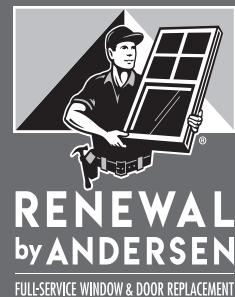
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St. Lawrence County Community Services Department is in search of the following positions:

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

Applications accepted until position filled.

You can apply online at

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

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

or by contacting Human Resources

315-379-2210

Send application to:

St. Lawrence County
Human Resources Office
48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617
AA/EEO



**Safety and Occupational
Health Manager**

**Great Lakes St. Lawrence
Seaway Massena, NY**

View complete posting on www.usajobs.gov (search on Massena, NY). This vacancy will close on 04/14/2025, there will be early consideration 02/10/2025.

For guidance please watch 'How to Apply for Federal Jobs', among other informational videos, on www.youtube.com/user/usajobsapp. For additional questions email U.S. Department of Transportation's Automated Staffing Office - TRANSJOBS@dot.gov.



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General Laborer

Facilities Operations Department

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All offers of employment are contingent upon the finalist successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check.

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**Skilled Trades
Facilities Department**

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a **Skilled Trades** position. The salary is \$18.63 - \$27.09/hr. To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/3976> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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Solid Waste Program Manager: Responsible for overseeing and managing all activities related to the collection, sorting, disposal, and recycling of solid waste on the territory of Akwesasne. Ensure compliance with applicable solid waste regulations, optimize operational efficiencies, manage staff, work to improve business practices and reduce environmental impact of waste management services. This position involves strategic planning, budgeting, staff supervision, and collaboration with outside government agencies. Status: Non-exempt, Full-time, Permanent Salary: \$15.63 - \$36.75 Deadline: March 19, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

Clinical Lead Mental Health Therapist: Under the direction of the Mental Health Services Director, the Clinical Lead Mental Health therapist, requiring advanced degrees and licensure, will provide individuals and their families with counseling/psychotherapy services to promote optimum mental health and supervise the other Mental Health Therapists. The Clinical Lead Mental Health Therapist will work within the guidelines of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Mental Health Services policies and procedures, internal control standards, New York State Office of Mental Health regulations and standards of care. Status: Full-time, Exempt Salary: \$32,510.40 - \$80,392.00 Deadline: March 5, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

Inpatient Counselor: The Partridge House Inpatient Counselor is under the supervision of the Senior Counselor and Inpatient Program Coordinator and is responsible to provide substance use disorder counseling. Status: Non-exempt, Permanent, Full-time Salary: \$15.63 - \$38.65 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

The Town of Madrid is looking to fill the position of Code Enforcement officer as of March 1st, 2025. The work involves responsibility for administering and enforcing the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building code or a local fire and/or building code if approved by the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council. Under general supervision, provides for the coordination of all activities relevant to ensuring compliance with the appropriate laws, codes, rules, and regulations. Must currently possess a New York State Department of State Code Enforcement Certification as mandated in the State of New York Title 19 NYSCRR Part 434.5 (Certification of Code Enforcement Personnel) and has completed any necessary In-service Code Enforcement Personnel Training. The salary for this job is \$10,702.00. Applications are available at the Town Office, Contact Zoe Hawkins, Town Clerk 3529 County Route 14, Madrid, NY 13660 or call 315-322-5760. EOE

BUILDING AND GROUNDS WORKER - MAYFIELD APARTMENTS, POTSDAM. Full-time with benefits. \$20 to \$25 per hour, depending on experience. Snow removal, cleaning, grounds maintenance, painting, carpentry, heating, and plumbing. Experience with hot water boiler systems is preferred. Valid NYS Driver's License Required. For more information and application: 315-265-4070, mayfield.housing@gmail.com, or at the office, 22 Mayfield Drive, Potsdam. Apply by 3pm, Friday, 3/7/25.

Knight & Associates Physical Therapy is seeking individuals who are interested in the medical field to assist our Clinical Staff with scribe duties on our EMR system and clinical support. This is an excellent learning opportunity for those interested in careers in Physician Assistant, Occupational and Physical Therapy as it may satisfy prerequisite requirements for grad school. We are offering flexible hours part time, or full time starting at \$15.50 hour. Please inquire by contacting Michael Williams, Email: michaelwilliams.mb@gmail.com or office @ (315) 265-7917

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SUNY Potsdam is hiring for the position of Director of Educational Opportunity Program and Bridges. The Director has the full responsibility for the leadership, management and supervision of the operation of the Educational Opportunity Program and the Bridges Program at SUNY Potsdam, two growing special admission programs that focus on expanding access to higher education among at-risk and minority student populations. For a complete listing of the responsibilities and required/pREFERRED qualifications, please see <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/5316>. EOE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Partridge Run



Dining Services

Catering Food Service Generalist-
Facilities Department

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a Catering Food Service Generalist. The salary is \$15.89 - \$22.89/hr. To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/4002> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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Principal Clerk

SLU Bookstore

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a 12-Month, **Principal Clerk** position. The salary range is \$17.72 - \$24.49/hr.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/3974> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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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 club-house. 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@cantony.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.cantony.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@cantony.gov. AA/EEO Employer. Deadline for applications is February 16, 2025.

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

St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services is in search of a Delivery Clerk. Starting salary is \$37,281 with excellent benefits. Generous vacation and sick time allowance, Public Service Loan Forgiveness eligibility and the option to enroll in the St. Lawrence County's health insurance or opt out of the insurance and receive a buyout in the amount of \$2,000 for single coverage or \$4,000 for family. Duties of this position involves the collection, sorting, and delivery of mail and packages, incoming and outgoing. Please note that possession of a valid New York State motor vehicle license is required and must be able to lift weight in excess of fifty (50) pounds. This is a provisional appointment. The successful applicant will need to take a civil service examination and score within the top three interested candidates in order to be permanently appointed. Applications accepted until position has been filled. Applications can be obtained from the St. Lawrence County's website, <https://stlaw-portal.mycivilservice.com/> or by contacting Human Resources at (315)379-2210. AA/EEO

AJs Portables is Hiring ! Must have a clean driving record and pass a DOT physical. Tasks include truck driving, cleaning port-a-potties, picking up and delivering toilets. For more information call 315.393.6152. EOE

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.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

OFFICE ASSISTANT II / KEYBOARDING

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Two years office experience.
- Passed the typing test.

This title is part of the New York Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Statewide Program (NY HELPS).

For the duration of the NY HELPS Program, this title may be filled via a non-competitive appointment, which means no examination is required but all candidates must meet the minimum qualifications of the title for which they apply. At this time, agencies may recruit and hire employees by making a permanent non-competitive appointment and the official probationary period will begin.

At a future date (within one year of permanent appointment), it is expected employees hired under NY HELPS will have their non-competitive employment status converted to competitive status, without having to compete in an examination. Employees will then be afforded with all the same rights and privileges of competitive class employees of New York State. While serving permanently in a NY HELPS title, employees may take part in any promotion examination for which they are qualified.

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNER / SL-2

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

11-MONTH POSITION

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field – education, instructional media/technology, curriculum design, or related field.
- Knowledge of learning theories and instructional design models.

- Experience in course design.
- Demonstrated commitment to student success in online and other environments.
- Clear, concise, and friendly communication skills.
- Organizational and time management skills.
- Commitment to service excellence.

FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANT SL-2 / ADVISOR SL-3

SALARY RANGE: \$49,261 - \$60,000

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Demonstrated experience delivering effective communication via telephone, email, virtually, or in person.
- Associate's degree from an accredited college with a minimum of 2 years of experience in a customer service-related

- office setting.
- Eligibility to access federal computerized systems (Applicants must be in good standing on federal student loans to be eligible).
- Experience with Microsoft Office programs.

EARLY CHILDHOOD LECTURER

SALARY RANGE: \$50,000-\$65,000

11-MONTH POSITION

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's degree in early childhood, child development, or related field with emphasis on children from infancy to age 5.
- Minimum 3 years' experience in the field of early care and

- education working with children from birth to age 5 years.
- Knowledge of Child Care Regulations and Licensing.
- College teaching at the undergraduate level in both online and in person settings.
- Experience designing and developing undergraduate courses relevant to the early childhood discipline.
- Knowledge of Online Learning Management Systems.

FOUNDATION ACCOUNTANT

SALARY RANGE: \$40,000 - \$45,000

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Associate's degree in accounting, finance, or business.
- One to three years of accounting experience.
- General comfort and proficiency in various software

- systems.
- Experience working in Microsoft Office products, particularly Word and Excel as well as stand-alone accounting software systems.
- Valid driver's license.

TITLE IX COORDINATOR / STAFF ASSOCIATE SL-4

SALARY RANGE: \$62,596 - \$65,000

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree.
- Demonstrated ability to conduct work with integrity, fairness, and empathy.

- Ability to understand the needs of the College and pivot between interactions with students, faculty, staff, University Police, and legal counsel.
- Effective communication both verbally and in writing.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR / FACULTY

SALARY RANGE: \$95,000 - \$105,000

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Advanced degree in Business Administration or a related field (Ph.D. or DBA).

The School of Business and Liberal Arts invites applications for the Director of the Business Department position. We

are seeking an energetic and forward-looking leader with strong academic and professional accomplishments who can serve in this key leadership position to drive the department to new heights. The director will have the opportunity to shape the business department and collaborate with the visionary dean to advance the department and help define the new future for the department.

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

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

<https://employment.canton.edu/>



St. Lawrence County COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, INC.

HEAD START has the current openings:

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

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

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.slcldp.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.

LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



is accepting applications for the following positions:

• Substitute Bus Monitors

Lisbon Central School is also accepting applications for the following positions for the 2025-2026 School Season:

• Social Worker/Mental Health Counselor/School Counselor

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\$49,398 (minimum starting salary per schedule; additional credit may be given for relevant experience)

• ENL (English as a New Language) Teacher

\$48,460 (minimum starting salary per schedule; additional credit may be given for relevant experience)

• English Teacher (Grades 7-12)

\$48,460 (minimum starting salary per schedule; additional credit may be given for relevant experience)

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

* Proper Certification is required for some positions.

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

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

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

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

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The St. Lawrence County Information Technology Department is in search of a Computer Technician. The starting salary is \$52,635 with excellent benefits. This is a provisional appointment. The successful applicant will need to take a civil service examination and score within the top three interested candidates in order to be permanently appointed. To view the full job posting and apply please visit <https://stlawco.gov/Departments/HumanResources>. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Please send applications to: Human Resources Office, 48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617. Applications can be obtained online at <https://stlawco.gov/Departments/HumanResources> or by contacting Human Resources (315)379-2210. AA/EEO

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST - ENGINEERING OFFICE IN CANTON: Full time position to provide administrative and clerical support. Duties include typing, filing, answering telephone, processing mail, general office tasks, assembling contract specifications for construction bidding purposes. High school diploma required; Associates degree in related field preferred. Proficiency in Word, WordPerfect and Excel required. 4 years experience in a deadline-oriented environment; well organized, solution oriented; self starter, efficient, productive, works well with a team. Minimum 4 year experience. Benefits include Health Insurance, 401K, vacation and sick leave. Salary range \$18.00 - \$22.00 per hour based on experience. Engineering and/or construction related background preferred but not required. Forward resume to Tisdel Associates, PO Box 400, Canton, NY 13617 or by email at mestep@tisdelassociates.com. Tisdel Associates is an Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer.

Tisdel Associates, a multi-discipline engineering firm, is seeking a full-time structural, civil or environmental engineer for their team. Responsibilities of this position include producing design calculations and construction documents; coordination with the design team and team members of our office and construction administration services for a wide variety of projects. Experience using Revit, structural engineering design software, and Microsoft Office software is preferred. Forward resume to Tisdel Associates, PO Box 400, Canton, NY 13617 or to mestep@tisdelassociates.com. Tisdel Associates is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer.

Medical Director: This Medical Director will join an engaged and cohesive medical staff, supported by a strong and thoughtful leadership team in the delivery of patient-centered care by evidence-based standards. As the Medical Director you will provide oversight of medical programs operations by ensuring a high quality of healthcare is delivered through the entire life span. Provides strategic plan and guidance and constantly monitors fiscal responsibility of medical operations. Status: Exempt, Full-time, Permanent Salary: Negotiable Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmtnsn.gov

Recycling Coordinator: The Recycling Coordinator, under the supervision of the Transfer Station Solid Waste Manager, will collaborate with staff and customers to promote waste diversion initiatives. This role involves developing and evaluating the Tribe's recycling and waste reduction programs. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt, Permanent Salary: \$15.63 - \$36.78 Deadline: February 26, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmtnsn.gov

WANTED: Line Cooks and Prep Cooks - EXPERIENCE PREFERRED. Pay based on experience Please send resume or experience to marta@11westcanton.com. Please no walk-ins.

Maxfield's A premier dining destination in Potsdam, NY is seeking a head chef to lead our culinary team. Key responsibilities - lead & inspire kitchen staff -Meet service demands & maintain smooth kitchen operations. -Stay current with culinary trends -Control food cost through effective ordering & inventory management -Communicate effectively with front of the house. Qualifications-Proven Experience as a head chef or in a similar leadership role in a busy kitchen -Meticulous attention to detail & passion for food presentation At Maxfield's we believe in creating memorable dining experiences. If you are a culinary leader looking to make an impact in a vibrant restaurant, please apply. Starting in April, we will be hosting



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Senior Associate Director of Major and Planned Gifts

St. Lawrence University invites applications a **Senior Associate Director of Major and Planned Gifts**. The Senior Associate Director plays a key role in executing a robust major gifts program. This individual will be based in Canton, with the option of being remote based in VT, NH, or ME. S/he will travel extensively to qualify, cultivate, solicit and steward prospective alumni, parents and friends as major and planned giving donors. Salary range \$95,000 - \$115,000 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/4017>. St. Lawrence University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Assistant Director for the Adirondack Semester

St. Lawrence University invites applications for the position of Assistant Director for the Adirondack Semester. The Adirondack Semester program situates students on the boundary between modern civilization and wild "nature" and encourages them to study and reflect on their relationship with each of these and on the choices, we must make to preserve natural processes. This is a full-time, six-month appointment beginning July 7, 2025. Salary is \$5,033.82 per month.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/4051>.

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The Norwood-Norfolk Central School District

is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2025-2026 school year:

(2) ELEMENTARY TEACHER (1) SPANISH TEACHER (1) ELA (ENGLISH) TEACHER

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

Deadline to apply is **March 6, 2025**
(deadline may be extended until all positions are filled).

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Associate Director of Laurentian Engagement

St. Lawrence University invites applications for an **Associate Director of Laurentian Engagement**.

Reporting to the Director of Laurentian Engagement, the Associate Director will be responsible for the overall coordination of Reunion Weekend planning and other designated events under Laurentian Engagement.

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The BOCES application can be accessed & submitted online at

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EOE



Staff Accountant

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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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- MOVIES: Which famous landmark is featured in the movie "Rebel Without a Cause"?
- ANATOMY: What does the cerebellum control in the human brain?
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Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

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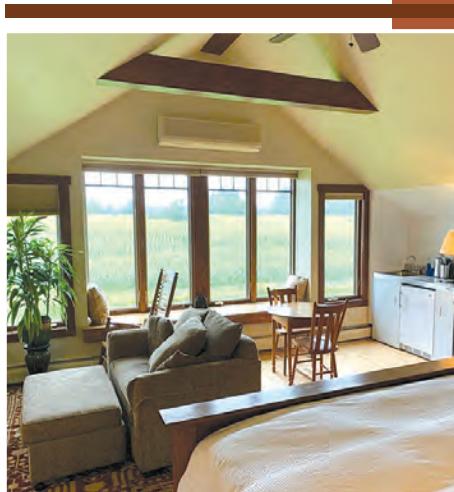
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