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Corrections officers and their families have been burning wood to stay warm as they strike outside Riverview Correctional Facility for the past week. Above Assemblyman Scott Gray is pictured showing his support.

Corrections officers hold the line

Mediation underway, but no deal has been reached

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
& JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- Retired corrections officer Jerry "Satch" Sawyer and several family members have called on the city to support calls for safer working conditions at prisons.

Corrections officers across the state and the North Country are in

the second week of strikes aimed at creating safer working conditions at state correctional facilities.

The strikes have been met with an abundance of community support as large gatherings of corrections officers, friends and family members picket outside of the facilities.

The action violates the Taylor Law which prohibits public employees from striking and has been met

with a variety of what corrections officers describe as threats from Gov. Kathy Hochul.

At the center of the issue are a series of changes made by state officials which officers say have made working conditions unsafe and led to retention and recruitment issues.

That means officers are working longer hours in worse conditions

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Massena eyes \$80 million capital project

HVAC, roof repairs, turf field among projects included

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Massena Central School District officials say they have trimmed the next capital project to \$79.9 million just three months before voters take to the polls.

Officials say the project will be extensive, with costs associated with various projects increasing since the last capital project was completed.

According to Superintendent Ron Burke, the district is slated to receive aid for 97% of the project.

He cautioned that that figure may not stand and is a projection at the moment.

"There will be certain aspects of the project that are not going to be aidable," Burke said.

To cover the remaining expenses, Burke said the district will likely use \$7 million from the capital reserve fund to avoid impacting taxpayers. That would leave the district with just over \$7 million in the fund.

Burke said the district is moving forward with the next capital

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Cannon fire in Ogdensburg

The annual Battle of Ogdensburg reenactment took place Saturday Feb 22, on the streets of Ogdensburg and Sunday, Feb. 23 at the Lighthouse at Van Rensselaer Point. The Fort La Présentation Association and Forsyth's Rifles staged the War of 1812 era battle with a beach landing, the crack of muskets, and cannon fire. For more photos: twoguysandacamera.photoreflect.com .

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES will have a new face at the helm next year after Superintendent Thomas Burns announced his retirement.

BOCES Board of Education President Roger Bennett was recently on hand for the Massena Central School Board of Education meeting to inform board members that the search is currently on hold.

Burns, who has served in the superintendent role since June 1, 2009, was previously the superintendent at Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District.

Bennett said BOCES officials were currently waiting on a letter to allow them to proceed with the search.

'I'm assuming it's going to be sooner rather than later.'

Roger Bennett
BOCES president

a BOCES employee as well as a Massena School District board member.

"I'm assuming it's going to be sooner rather than later."

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City will pay \$30,000 to former fire captain to end defamation claim

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG - Ogdensburg City Council will pay \$30,000 in a settlement to end a lawsuit filed against the former City Mayor Jeffrey M. Skelly and former City Manager Stephen Jellie.

The announcement came after a lengthy executive session Monday evening.

Gerald Mack, a former Fire Captain, filed a the lawsuit following a dispute that occurred

"We believe it's in that the net expense to the city in terms of legal expenses, and at this time we are providing support attorneys to Mr. Jellie and Mr. Skelly as well as the attorney representing the city, that the net legal cost of \$30,000 to \$35,000 today plus a \$30,000 legal settlement falls short of what the estimated legal costs will be if we continue further in this litigation," Mayor Michael Tooley said.

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He said the settlement was in the best interest of the city taxpayers.

Retired firefighter Gerald Mack and his wife Tammy filed the lawsuit for defamation.

Mack and Skelly had several negative interactions prior to the lawsuit, including a December 2020 incident in which Skelly was charged with second-degree harassment for an incident that occurred at city hall.

Mack alleged the mayor had knocked him to the ground.

The mayor was eventually found not guilty of the charges.

In November of 2021 Mack was charged with stalking and criminal mischief after Skelly accused Mack of slashing tires on his vehicle.

The charges were eventually dropped by prosecutors.

In August of 2022, Skelly was charged with making false statements, the charges stem from the allegations he levied regarding the tire slashing.

Those charges were dismissed due to a technicality, but were re-filed in September of 2022.

Despite years having passed, no trial has not yet occurred.

The court dates have been adjourned several times. Skelly says he believes that the charges against him are retaliatory and potentially politically motivated.

The soon to be settled lawsuit claims that Skelly made false allegations against Mack to local news sources and that Jellie did the same.

The summons alleges that the claims made by both are libelous and slanderous and have caused Mack sustained economic damages.

The lawsuit said that Skelly and Jellie worked specifically to "cause emotional damage and financial damage to the plaintiff Gerald Mack."

Akwesasne man charged with assault

MASSENA— An Akwesasne man was charged with assault following an altercation in the town of Massena during which he broke the victim's nose, State Police say.

Darrien F. White, 30, of Akwesasne, was charged Feb. 21 with one count third-degree assault following investigation of a complaint on Roosevelt Road, according to State Police reports.

Troopers say that the complaint arose when a verbal argument escalated after White struck the victim in the face, breaking their nose.

The victim received treatment from Massena EMS for the broken nose but declined any further care at the hospital.

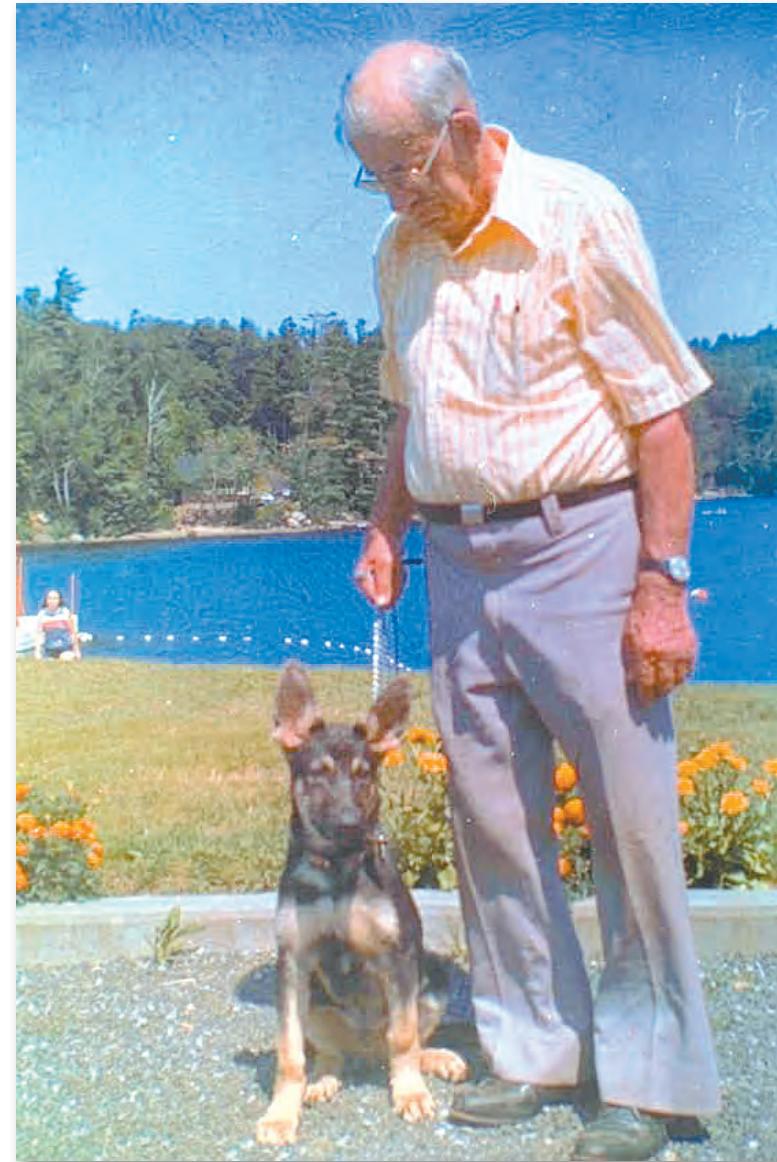


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The subjects of a recent group of photos found on an old Box Brownie camera in Lisbon have been identified after the pictures were developed and digital renderings posted online. Above, one of the photos shows the late Johnson Flack and his dog.

Long-lost photos of St. Lawrence County couple identified after 40 years

BY MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week

LISBON — A decades-old mystery was solved thanks to a community effort and an unexpected find by a Lisbon resident.

David Zufall recently shared a discovery on the Ogdensburg history Facebook page, sparking community interest. Zufall rediscovered an old Box Brownie camera, a piece his father purchased for him

around 20 years ago at a yard sale or auction in the Lisbon, Waddington, or Madrid area.

While cleaning out his basement, Zufall came across the camera again, and inside the camera was a roll of undeveloped 120mm film.

He believes the photographs were likely taken around 40 years ago. "Unfortunately, there are no local film developers available anymore," Zufall said.

He said he made inquiries at various shops and schools, even taking the film to Walmart, but there were concerns about shipping such valuable items.

Zufall reached out to SUNY Potsdam, where he had taken photography classes in 2019, but the school no longer offered film development services or had students available to help.

After finding a developer, Zufall sent the film to a lab in Buffalo. When photos were developed, they revealed images of two people, prompting Zufall to turn to the community for help identifying them.

The response came swiftly. Many people recognized the figures in the photographs as Johnson and Betty Flack, a couple in the Lisbon community.

Johnson Flack (1899-1987) and Betty Flack (1918-2005) were well-known in the area. Johnson, also known as Jack, drove school bus, while Betty taught at Ogdensburg Free Academy (OFA).

"Sounds like many people knew them and they were dearly loved by the community," Zufall said.

For those interested in reading more about the Flacks visit the link to the original Facebook post.



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Massena library receives \$6,736 grant from Air Products for Memory Café

Café to support those with memory loss, caregivers

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Air Products and the Northern New York Community Foundation have awarded two grants to North Country organizations totaling \$10,500.

According to Air Products officials, the funds are part of the second round of grants from the Air Products Greater Massena Community Fund.

"We're glad to have the opportunity to

assist in meeting the needs of local organizations," said Trip Oliver, Director of Government and Community Affairs at Air Products. "We recognize there are many local organizations doing valuable work in the Massena community and we want to support as many as possible. We look forward to extending the reach of our contributions to help make a positive impact on the community's success for years to come."

The first grant, for \$6,736, has been awarded to the Massena Public Library to support

the establishment of a Memory Café which will provide a "safe and engaging space for individuals with memory loss and their caregivers."

The funds will be used to purchase materials and resources to enhance cognitive engagement and socialization, including books, activities, puzzles and games designed to stimulate brain activity, foster conversation and promote multi-generational interaction, officials said.

The second grant, totaling \$3,750, has been awarded to the Northern TRIBS Swimming Inc. organization to expand access to swimming lessons by offering scholarships to fam-

ilies facing economic hardship and providing staff training in water safety protocols.

Launched in May 2024 through a \$50,000 grant from the Air Products Foundation, the Greater Massena Community Fund aims to improve the quality of life for residents in the Greater Massena community, officials said.

The inaugural round of funding granted a combined total of \$32,500 to The Holistic Life Foundation; The Salvation Army of Massena; The Massena Arts and Theater Association; The Police Activities League of Massena; and Massena Hospital to contribute to projects supporting education, health and wellness, arts and culture, and human services.

OBITUARIES

Joan Arlene Shearer, 87

Massena

MASSENA -- Joan Arlene Shearer, 87, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on February 24, 2025.

She was born on December 9, 1937, to the late Arthur and Lucille Warren in Missouri, where she spent her life until her early 30's. On May 2, 1970, she married Ronald Shearer, who predeceased her in 2017.

They made their home in Syracuse and Cortland, New York.

She worked many jobs through the years including lunch lady, receptionist, and bookkeeper. She was always active in her local church.

She was a longtime member of the Bible Baptist Church in Cortland until moving to Massena in 2018 and joined the Massena Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sons, Charles (Diane) of Massena, Douglas (Rebecca) of Phoenix, New York, and Daniel (Heidi) of Hoven, South Dakota. Joan is also survived by 10 grandchildren, William (fiancé Taylor), Christopher (Reilly), Abigail

(partner Nora), Joshua/Juni, Nicole (Matthew), Anna, Evelyn, Amelia, Reise, and Blake; two great grandchildren, Kade and Carrie; and two sister-in-laws, Patricia and Shirley Warren.

Along with her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Donna and her brothers, Donald and Robert.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Massena Baptist Church, 5 Dover Street, Massena at 11:00 AM led by her son, Charles.

There will be a meal to follow. Burial will be held privately.

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



Joan Shearer

Allan "Springy" J. Bell, 85

Heuvelton

HEUVELTON -- Funeral services for Allan "Springy" J. Bell, age 85, of Heuvelton, will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 2:00 pm at Fox & Murray Funeral Home, with Rev. Walter Smith officiating.

Calling hours will be held prior to the service from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Entombment will follow at the Oswegatchie Mausoleum.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy; son, Kristopher Bell (Kevin Meisser) of Maryland; daughter, Kellie (Rodney) Bush of Sackets Harbor; grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Rodney and Emily Bush and Dan Strader; great-grandchildren, Avery McLear, Quinn and Reese Moses, and Wyatt and Sophia Strader; a brother, Lawrence (Kathy) Bell of Wisconsin; sisters, Mary (Ron) Denny of Heuvelton and Barbara (Vern) Tapper of California.

He was predeceased by his siblings, Donald Bell, David Bell, and Lorna Bell.

Allan was born on November 22, 1939, in Ogdensburg, a son of Maurice and Veda (McAdoo) Bell.

He attended Heuvelton Central School and continued his education at George Washington University. On June 17, 1961, he married Nancy

E. Bice.

Throughout his career, Allan worked for Denny's Gas Station, Aiello Cheese Factory, Ferrox Iron, Waste Stream Management, and Seaway Timber from which he retired in 2014.

He was a member of the Lions Club and the Heuvelton Presbyterian Church.

Allan was a standout track athlete in high school and had a lifelong love for truck driving, whether it was on his property or in his various jobs.

He enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting events and cherished time spent with family.

Although he was a man of few words, he was a friend to many and was fondly known as "Poppy" to his beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Heuvelton Sports Program.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared online at www.foxandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Allan Bell

LISBON -- Patricia G. Geary, age 96, of Lisbon, passed away on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at the United Helpers Canton Nursing Home, surrounded by her loving family.

She lived a full and meaningful life, and will be remembered for her kindness, hard work, and devotion to her family and community.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home, with Rev. Walter Smith officiating.

Calling hours will be from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Burial will take place in the spring at White Church Cemetery.

Pat is survived by her husband, Roland; a son James (Sharron) Dow of Potsdam; two daughters, Nancy McCullough and her companion, Tom Monteith of Lisbon, and Dawn Geary & her companion, Leonard Putney of Lisbon; grandchildren,

Albertine M. Mattison, 99

Massena

Albertine had a feisty spirit, loved being around her family and friends, making crafts, and crocheting.



Albertine Mattison

ing – well into her 90's.

She was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary and former member of the Home Bureau.

She and her late husband enjoyed traveling, wintering in Florida for many years and settled in Tennessee until his death when she moved back to Massena to live with her daughter.

Albertine is survived by her children, Terese (Edward) Olive of Leesburg, Florida, Clifford E.J. (Corinne) Mattison of Massena,

and Rosemary (Darren) Deragon of Massena; her grandchildren, James White and Suzie White of Florida and Jeremy and Joshua Mattison of Massena; her great grandchildren, Emily, Lauren, and Conner White and Antonio Rojas; many chosen grand and great grandchildren; her special sister, Ceil Hamel of Utica; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her brothers, Edward, Stanley, and Leslie Hamel.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, however there will be no local services.

Albertine will be laid to rest with her husband in Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tennessee at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley.

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

Patricia G. Geary, 96

Lisbon

Jodi Falardeau & her fiancee', BJ Stevens of FL and Jeffrey Falardeau of FL, Pam Kelley of AZ, Michelle



Patricia Geary

Warren of AZ and Jason Kelley of PA; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her two sons, Timothy Dow and Michael Kelley; a sister, Barbara McBath; and a brother, Clinton "Pete" Green.

Pat was born on September 6, 1928, in Lisbon, NY, to Willard and Hortense (Harper) Green.

She graduated from Lisbon Rural School and went on to receive a special trade's degree from Oswego.

A marriage to Benjamin Dow ended and she later married Roland

F. Geary on November 23, 1966, at the Lisbon Presbyterian Church.

Pat worked for 23 1/2 years at BOCES teaching cosmetology, in addition to operating Pat's Beauty Shop from 1948 until her retirement in 2001.

She was an active member of the Zonta Club, the Order of Eastern Stars in Waddington, and the First Congregational Church of Lisbon.

Pat enjoyed sewing, crafts, and especially visiting with family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Auxiliary, 6991 CR 10, Lisbon, NY 13658 or United Presbyterian Church, Box 53, Lisbon, NY 13658.

Condolences and fond memories can be shared online at www.foxandmurrayfuneralhome.com.

Pat's family and friends will forever remember her as a caring and giving woman, whose legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

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RECENT DEATHS

ALLAN BELL, 85, Heuvelton. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

ALBERTINE MATTISON, 99, Massena, Feb. 15. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

GERALDINE PATTERSON, 91, Ogdensburg, Feb. 16. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral

Frany Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

CYNTHIA QUACKENBUSH, 74, formerly of Ogdensburg, Feb. 17.

DAVID RAYMON, 69, Heuvelton, Feb. 17. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

MARY DEMO, 93, Massena, Feb. 18. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

PATRICIA GEARY, 96, Lisbon, Feb. 22. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

JOAN SHEARER, 87, Massena, Feb. 24. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

CHARLOTTE CHASE, 82, Massena, Feb. 20. Arrangements with

OBITUARIES

Cynthia Jayne Quackenbush, 74, died on February 17, 2025, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, after a heroic, year-long battle with leukemia.

Cindy was a true example of what it means to have strong character. She was loyal above all else, as demonstrated by the hundreds of friends and family members whose lives she touched over the seven and a half decades of her life. She was a mother to everyone she met, always ready with a hug, a warm meal, or a fresh-baked cookie.

Cindy was fun. She loved music, she loved to dance, she filled the room with laughter wherever she went. She never arrived anywhere empty handed and loved to give gifts, often hand-knit or attached to a funny story, and celebrate the achievements of loved ones.

She was ready for a party at a moment's notice and traveled with birthday candles and party hats in her purse, just in case the need to celebrate arose.

Cindy was charming to the end, making friends with the nurses and doctors who cared for her in her illness and showing her gratitude for them by bringing them treats and making them smile with her love for storytelling.

Cindy was born in Saranac Lake, New York, in October 1950, surrounded by the Adirondack Mountains that she loved.

She was the middle of nine children born to Henry and Marion Brennan, and from birth loved to be the center of attention.

Her family moved to Natural Bridge, New York, when she was young, and there she spent a mag-

ical childhood with her beloved siblings playing in the woods near their home, building forts and campfires, collecting tree sap to boil for syrup, roller skating through the neighborhood in the summer and ice skating on the pond in the winter.

She attended Carthage High School in Carthage, New York, where she was a member of the Girls Athletic Association, played the saxophone in the high school band, and formed many lifelong friendships. Her competitive and energetic spirit led her to excel in any activity and she was the life of every group she joined.

After high school, Cindy graduated from SUNY Canton and SUNY Potsdam, where she studied to become a teacher for young children, a career that matched her bright and compassionate nature, her love for play, her appreciation for humor, and her enduring passion for learning.

Through teaching, Cindy found an outlet for her creativity and vitality. She cared for her students as she would her own children, quick to comfort them and wipe away their tears, eager to find and nurture their own particular interests and passions, and ready to buy winter coats and boots for students in need.

She had a flair for the dramatic, and loved to put on plays with her fellow teachers that brought to life important lessons for her students,



Cynthia Quackenbush

demonstrating for them that school could be fun and that learning could be a life-long pursuit.

Over her decades spent teaching, Cindy's many colleagues became her best friends with whom she spent vacations and holidays and whose families became intertwined with her own.

Early in her teaching career in Ogdensburg, New York, she met her husband, Arthur Quackenbush, who she always said she loved right away because he was smart and looked different than everyone else in the room with his clean, light blue oxford shirt, tidy haircut, and glasses. The two married after just six months and spent the next 49 years of their lives dedicated to one another, to their teaching careers, and most importantly, to their children.

They raised their four children, Jay, Katie, John Henry, and Meggie, first in Ogdensburg before moving to Canton, New York, in 1986. Cindy imbued her children with the same enthusiasm for life with which she lived, and spent the hours she was not teaching driving her children to basketball, soccer, and lacrosse games, swim and track meets, ice rinks and skating competitions, and school plays and concerts.

She was the number one cheerleader for her children and the many teams and activities with which they were involved, always ready with words of encouragement and a tray of cookies for their teammates.

With Art, she raised her kids to value loyalty, hard work, honesty, and fun. Her children were the pride of her life.

Cindy was a dedicated member of the Canton and broader North Country community for 40 years, joining book clubs and knitting groups, throwing herself into art classes, and giving back through her participation in the E.J. Noble Hospital Guild (now known as the Canton-Potsdam Hospital Guild). After retiring from teaching in 2006, Cindy did not slow down.

She became interested in conservation, with a particular interest in advocating for pollinators like the monarch butterfly, and planted several pollinator gardens in her community, including a butterfly garden at the Canton-Potsdam Hospital where patients can enjoy nature and seek peace.

In her retirement, Cindy loved to visit her many friends across the country, traveling to national parks, hiking in nature, wandering beaches up and down the East Coast, and flying abroad to Italy, England, Scotland, and Ireland, where she was able to celebrate her own Irish heritage and visit her father's homeland.

In retirement, she also enjoyed the arrival of grandchildren, with whom she spent as much time as she could, traveling hours by car for birthday parties, hockey games, and holidays, and hosting them in Canton for visits filled with ice skating, horse-drawn carriage rides, apple picking, sledding, movies, trips to local farms, and tea parties on the front porch.

She loved being their "Gaga" and they brought her much happiness and pride.

Cindy leaves behind her husband, Art Quackenbush; son, Jay Quackenbush, his wife Sarah, and

their children, Evelyn and Thomas; daughter, Katie Spiegel, her husband Matt, and their children, Billy and Mary; son, John Henry Quackenbush and his wife, Lauren; and daughter, Meggie Quackenbush, her husband, Rick Ducott, and their daughter, Molly. Her surviving siblings and extended family include Brian and Karen Brennan, Suzie and Bill Ryan, Michael and Jackie Brennan, Tony and Kathy Brennan, Kim and Jim Costello, Duffy and Vicki Brennan; her niece, Kristy Cumoletti and her husband, Steve; beloved sisters-and brothers-in-law; and her many, many nieces and nephews to whom she served as a cherished maternal figure.

Cindy is predeceased by a son, Brian Quackenbush; parents, Henry and Marion Brennan; sister, Linda Aubertine and her husband, Walt; and brother, Craig Brennan and his wife Rose.

At her request, the family will host a celebration of Cindy's life in the spring of 2025 when the flowers in her butterfly garden are in bloom and when her many, many, friends and family members can come together to share stories and honor her incredible life.

In the meantime, her family hopes that those whose lives she touched will remember her by doing the things she loved most: hug your children, spend time in nature, and share a laugh with friends.

Instead of flowers, Cindy's family encourages donations to the Canton-Potsdam Hospital Guild in Cindy's name: www.cphguild.org/make-a-donation.

Mary Alice Demo, 93

Massena

MASSENA -- Mary Alice Demo, age 93, formerly of River Drive in Massena, passed away peacefully on Tuesday the 18th at St. Mary's Nursing Center in Maryland where she had been a resident for the past three years.

Family and friends are welcome to call at the Phillips Memorial Home on Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 12:00 pm until the time of funeral services beginning at 2:00 pm with the Rev. Mark Reilly officiating. A burial will be held at a later date in Calvary Cemetery, Massena at the convenience of the family.

Mary Alice was born in 1931, in Massena, a daughter of the late Glenn and Alice (O'Driscoll) Barbour. She attended Massena Schools graduating from Massena High School and continuing her education at Potsdam College, where she obtained her bachelor's degree in education in 1953.

She began her career teaching in Rochester, NY, and then returned to Massena, where she taught junior high English.

She met her husband to be, Rodney J. Demo, and they married on August 4, 1956, enjoying 50 years of marriage together.

They started a family, and Mary Alice later returned to teaching,



Mary Demo

working for many years as a substitute teacher in Massena.

She ended her career working at Norwood-Norfolk Central School, retiring in 1994.

After her retirement, she and Rodney spent many winters in Florida.

She also volunteered with Massena Meals on Wheels, Massena Senior Citizens, Massena Memorial Hospital, and Saint Vincent De Paul, now the St. Peter's Parish Outreach.

She was a lifelong communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

Mary Alice is survived by her loving and devoted daughters and sons-in-law; Margaret (Robert) Green, Ellen (Marshall) Burt and Patty (Marc) Derouchie, all of Massena, NY; Jane (Kal) Weller of Lusby, MD and Katie (Brian) Glines of Moon Township, PA. Mary is also survived by her grandchildren, Erinn (Justin) Tredo of Massena, Megan (Micah) St. Thomas of Chase Mills, NY, Christopher Weller of Arlington, VA, Carole (Zachary)

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Starrin of Lusby, MD, Sam Glines of Moon Township, PA, Max Glines of Millbrook, NY, Kate Derouchie of Massena, NY, and Matthew Derouchie of Hanover, NH; and great-grandchildren, Henry, Benjamin, and Lillian Tredo, Mason and Marlee St. Thomas, along with many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mary was predeceased by her husband, Rodney in April 2007, and her brothers and sisters; Robert Barbour of Plymouth, MI, Ralph Barbour of Indianapolis, IN, Charles Barbour of Greensboro, NC, Dorothy Kirkey of Las Vegas, NV, and Marcia Archambeault of St. Louis, MO.

Mary loved talking and meeting people, and cherished the time she spent with her family and friends, especially at her home on the St. Lawrence River. This love was evident even during her long illness.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association; 5015 Campuswood Drive, Suite 102, East Syracuse, NY 13057 or Massena Meals-on-Wheels; 70 E Hatfield St, Massena, NY 13662.

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



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Geraldine Drolet Patterson, 91

Ogdensburg

with close friends.

She is survived by her son, John Edward Patterson and his wife Michele of Ogdensburg; her daughter, Jamie Lynn Sovie and her husband Michael of Ogdensburg; her grandchildren, Justin (and Holly) Patterson, Abigail Emmaline Patterson, Jacqueline (and Bella Zimmer) Sovie, and Kathryn Sovie; her cherished great-grandchildren, Emmaline Anne and Jonathan Eugene Patterson; along with nieces and nephews.

Geraldine was predeceased by her husband, John (Jack) Patterson, in 1993; her brothers, Edward, Donald (and Norma) and Robert (and Eleanor) Drolet; her sister, Gloria Drolet; and her nephew, Jason Drolet.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the staff at the Richard E. Winter Cancer Center for their compassionate care and support.

They would also like to thank the nurses and staff on the second floor at Claxton Hepburn for their kindness and special attention during Geraldine's final days.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Lawrence County Hospice (hospiceslv.org) or the Richard E. Winter Cancer Center (5 Lyon Place, Ogdensburg, NY 13669).

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at foxandmurrayfuneralhome.com.



Geraldine Patterson

OGDENSBURG -- Geraldine Drolet Patterson, age 91, of Ogdensburg, NY, passed away on February 16, 2025, at Claxton Hepburn Medical Center, surrounded by her family.

A burial will be announced in the spring.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Fox & Murray Funeral Home.

Born on May 12, 1933, in Massena, NY, Geraldine was the daughter of the late Edward and Virginia (Montroy) Drolet.

She attended Sacred Heart School in Massena before moving to Ogdensburg with her family in 1945.

There, she continued her education at St. Peter's and Holy Cross Schools, eventually graduating from St. Mary's Academy in 1951.

Geraldine had a distinguished career in communications, starting as a switchboard operator at New York Telephone Co., where she worked for 24 years.

She also held a brief position at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center before completing her career as a receptionist and switchboard operator at A. Barton Hepburn Hospital, where she served for 20 years.

On August 24, 1957, Geraldine married John Elmer Patterson at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg.

Together, they shared a loving life, and she found great joy in spending time with family and friends.

Geraldine enjoyed cooking and baking, caring for her many pets over the years, drawing, gardening, bowling, taking trips to the casino, and enjoying lunch dates

Green hydrogen facility planned in Massena now cancelled

\$500 million project would have employed about 100 people

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

MASSENA -- A green hydrogen facility being built in the town of Massena has been canceled.

The news broke on Feb. 24 as Air Products officials announced the cancellation of the \$500 million project that would have employed roughly 100 people.

Air Products officials said they also canceled projects in California and Texas.

The reason for canceling the 35 metric ton per day facility is "based on recent regulatory developments rendering existing hydroelectric power supply ineligible for the Clean Hydrogen Production Tax Credit (45V), as well as slower than expected development of a hydrogen mobility market in the region."

"The decision to exit these three projects will streamline our backlog and focus Company resources on projects that drive value for Air Products' shareholders," said Eduardo Menezes, Chief Executive Officer of Air Products.

Air Products' newly-elected board of directors and chief executive officer recently conducted a review of the numerous projects ongoing, making the decision to cease operations in order to record a pre-tax charge not to exceed \$3.1 billion in its fiscal 2025 second quarter, primarily to write down assets and terminate contractual commitments, according to the press release.

"Estimated contract cancellation and other project cancellation costs are subject to further refinement and may ultimately differ from actual costs recorded in the Company's fiscal second quarter and beyond. Additional information, including revisions to the Company's capital expenditures forecast for fiscal 2025, will be provided in Air Products' fiscal second quarter earnings release," officials said in the release.

Massena Town Supervisor Sue Bellor said she and the town board were "very surprised and equally disappointed in the cancellation."

"We (the Town Council) are very surprised and equally disappointed in the cancellation. The team from Air Products certainly did their due diligence with presentations to the community and in meeting with stakeholders. From this positive relationship, we were eager for the new industry and creation of many new jobs. They even got involved with local groups and organizations with generous contributions in sponsorships and scholarships," she said.

Bellor said a recent update with Air Products representative Trip Oliver appeared to go well, however

a follow up conversation on the morning of Feb. 25 suggested company officials were concerned with stock valuations.

"Apparently for those who watch the stock market, there was a shareholder disagreement with the director of the company. There are 3 new members who hold seats on the board and the CEO was replaced. In my conversation with Trip this morning, I asked questions about the current site, and he said the company will need to figure that out. He expects it will be sold but could not offer more than that. We will hope for and continue to be open to new industries for Massena," she said.

According to notes provided by Bellor from the Jan. 24 update, Oliver said the site, which encompasses 85 total acres, was cleared with phase I civil foundations installed.

Underground work was also underway, with mechanical bids received.

Buildings were expected to be erected this spring as well.

Air Products was expected to enter the next process in building development, with the liquefier and vacuum both having been manufactured.

EV charging stations were also part of the plan, with installation at the Massena International Airport required to offset the carbon emissions of Air Products' trucks.

Permits had also been approved through the state Department of Environmental Conservation for wastewater drainage.

The New York Power Authority had also conducted a facility study and system impact study, both of which were cleared by NYPA.

The Power Authority had also signed off on the installation of a substation, which would have had 30 to 35 workers on site in the spring, with building construction expected to begin in July. That phase of the project would have brought 150 people to the site.

With the cancellation of the project contracts, it remains to be seen what financial compensation the town and village will receive.

The village of Massena had recently signed off on a final agreement to sell \$300,000 worth of water to Air Products each year. Conversations were also ongoing between village officials and Air Products regarding the need to add a redundant main water line, as well as upgrading the pumps at the village water treatment plant as well.

Those plans now appear to be permanently on hold, though Department of Public Works Superintendent Marty Miller previously said the upgrades were necessary in the future, regardless if Air Products were involved or not.

Two charged in Potsdam Walmart robbery after allegedly brandishing gun

POTSDAM — A robbery incident during which a subject allegedly brandished a gun at the Potsdam Walmart has led to the arrest of two St. Lawrence County men.

Troopers say that they investigated a larceny complaint on Nov. 9 that originated when two men allegedly attempted to leave the store without paying for roughly \$1,250 worth of merchandise.

State Police Public Information Officer Brandi Ashley reported Feb. 26 that one of the men brandished a gun after a physical altercation involving the suspects, Walmart employees, and a civilian passing by

escalated. No one was reported to have been injured in the incident.

Further investigation identified the two suspects as Kody G. Larock, 28, of Potsdam, and Nelson J. Feliz, 26, of Massena.

Larock was charged with two counts of second-degree robbery. He was arraigned in the Town of Massena Court and remanded to St. Lawrence County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 cash bail or a \$20,000 bond.

On Feb. 17, State Police received an arrest warrant for Feliz. This Tuesday, Feb. 24, Feliz was arrested by the Massena Police Department

for an unrelated incident and was remanded to St. Lawrence County Jail without bail.

Larock was previously charged by State Police following a multi-agency high speed pursuit that ended in Morristown last August.

In that incident, Larock was charged with second-degree reckless endangerment, second-degree criminal mischief, third-degree unlawful fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle, third-degree criminal mischief, third-degree unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and multiple vehicle and traffic violations.

Peaceful conclusion with barricaded Norfolk man

NORFOLK — State Police said negotiations and special tactics led to a peaceful resolution with a barricaded subject on Brouse Road in the town of Norfolk Wednesday morning, Wednesday Feb. 26.

Members of the State Police and the Special Operations Response Team (SORT) worked together to take Scott P. Sharpe, 54, of Massena, into custody without incident. Sharpe was then taken to Claxton Hepburn Medical Center for a mental health evaluation.

A statement from New York State Police released at 7:53 a.m. reported that investigation of a potential domestic dispute began around 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, during which Troopers discovered a subject barricaded inside a Brouse Road residence.

State Police members established a secure perimeter around the house, and The New York State Police Special Operations Response Team (SORT) was deployed to assist at the scene.

In the course of the investigation State Police used personnel from the Troopers Crisis Negotiation Unit and the Bureau of Criminal Investigations, and used drones, or Unmanned Aerial Systems.

Troopers said the situation was under control Wednesday morning, and there was no threat to the public.

Police reported the matter as an ongoing investigation, and said negotiations with the individual ended with positive results.

Ogdensburg joins county's call to keep walleye stocking program open

Local anglers believe stocking still necessary, says sportsman

BY JIMMY LAWTON

North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — The City of Ogdensburg is joining St. Lawrence County Legislators in calling on the Department of Environmental Conservation to continue the walleye stocking program.

The resolution was brought forward by Deputy Mayor Dan Skamperle after hearing from Bob Flavin, who spoke on behalf of the local sportsmen and who has been the backbone of the program since it began 40 years ago.

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

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

Flavin says that despite what the DEC officials say, many fishermen still believe the stocking is necessary. He worries that if a disease were to run through the population, there would be no way to counter it. He noted that such a situation has occurred with muskie populations in the past.

While the news was welcomed, it raised questions from Flavin and St. Lawrence County Legislative Chairman David Forsythe as well as many

local anglers.

Skamperle, who has a long history of supporting initiatives from local sportsmen, shared those concerns.

Data or not, the council voted unanimously to urge the DEC to keep the program in place.

"Despite the scientific data supporting the stability of the current walleye population, the removal of the restocking program could risk the loss of a balanced and sustainable fishery for future generations," the resolution says.

"The Ogdensburg City Council supports the walleye restocking program and opposes the decision by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to discontinue the program in the St. Lawrence River."

The resolution asks officials to reconsider this decision and to explore additional data and community input before making any irreversible changes to the restocking program, "ensuring that the future of the walleye fishery is secure for generations to come."

A similar resolution was passed at the county level and both will be forwarded to Gov. Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Sen. Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Sen. Dan Stec, Interim Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Sean Mahar and Region 6 Director of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Randall Young.

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and they say that's emboldened some prisoners to act more violently against them and other inmates that are hoping to serve their time and return to their families.

For her part, Hochul has been critical of the strikes and demanded the officers return to work.

A federal judge backed her call, but that has not persuaded the officers to break their lines, despite some of their fellow corrections officers being stuck inside for more than a week as the strikes continue.

In Ogdensburg, the situation escalated last week when inmates were able to take control of several dorms, prompting a Corrections Emergency Response Team to be deployed to restore order.

Sawyer told council Monday that he's been on the line with his "brother and sisters" all week. He spoke through teary eyes and a hoarse voice as he gave an emotional plea for the city to show their support through a resolution.

He recalled his lengthy corrections career and how he once wore the uniform with such pride that he stopped drinking coffee for fear of staining it.

Sawyer said that at some point something changed. He said the state abandoned the officers at the ground level and has stripped the pride and honor from the position.

Sawyer said that the officers and their families are suffering as the state has been slow to meet the demands of officers.

The strikes haven't fallen completely on deaf ears, on Monday mediation between the Department of Correction and NYSCOPBA began, but at this time it sounds like little progress has been made.

The wives of correctional officers also spoke at the meeting urging the city to take action.

Although no resolution was passed, Mayor Michael Tooley said that he and other council members would be meeting with the St. Lawrence County Prison Task Force Thursday to discuss what the most impactful course of action would be.

Correctional officers are protesting unsafe working conditions at 40 prisons throughout the state, including prisons in Gouverneur, Ogdensburg and Malone.

The protests began on Monday, Feb. 17, followed by mass walk-outs the following day.

Officers say state officials' unwillingness to repeal the controversial HALT Act is at the heart of the walk-outs and protests, with many stating the legislation has made correctional jobs far more dangerous in recent years.

Despite state laws that prohibit public employees from striking, mass call-ins and walk-outs were staged, followed by numerous protests.

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

Feb. 17

Reports of corrections officers calling in or walking off the job initially reached North Country This Week during the morning hours of Feb. 17, though reports of local walk-outs were not verified.

Corrections officers located at Upstate Correctional in Malone had initially contacted NCTW to raise awareness of the initial protests, saying that further protests were planned due to the unsafe working conditions correctional officers were facing on a daily basis.

The officers also stated they and their co-workers were seeking an

end to the HALT Act as part of the protests.

Feb. 18

Following mass protests that left staffing levels low in all prisons, Governor Kathy Hochul prepared to deploy over 3,500 National Guard members to "protect the safety of correctional officers, DOCCS population and upstate communities."

But corrections officers throughout the state said the governor and state officials have failed to safeguard them for many years following the move.

Hochul denounced the actions of the corrections officers, saying they had taken "illegal and unlawful actions."

She called for an end to the protests immediately, suggesting COs could face disciplinary action if they failed to do so.

"We will not allow these individuals to jeopardize the safety of their colleagues, incarcerated people, and the residents of the communities surrounding our correctional facilities," Hochul said.

The New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association, Inc. also denounced "all strikes, job actions, slowdowns, call-ins, and other similar actions" in a public statement on Feb. 18.

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

Feb. 19

The Executive Board of the New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association Inc. issued a list of demands on Wednesday, Feb. 19 to DOCCS Commissioner Daniel Martuscello and multiple high level staffers from the governor's office.

In a release from NYSCOPBA last week, President Chris Summers said the meeting was held to discuss "at length the issues we have raised for years that have fallen on deaf ears and that have ultimately contributed to the members' walking off the job."

In his letter, Summers said the union has argued for several demands that have been drafted by the membership after walking off the job.

"DOCCS, in turn, proposed certain monetary incentives to potentially entice the membership to return to work. At this point, the Executive Board communicated its belief that the membership needs to see several drastic improvements to working conditions before they would even consider returning to work," Summers wrote.

According to Summers, at the end of the meeting the parties agreed that the Executive Board would submit its top priority demands to be addressed immediately by the governor.

They include no penalties for members who walked off the job, suspension of HALT or persistent holiday schedule to ease the burden on staff, two-pay-grade increase for all COs and Sergeants to help with recruitment and retention and to discuss all outstanding financial, staffing and working condition issues before an independent mediator to begin immediately, according to Summers' letter.

Feb. 20

Despite calls for mediation, the governor took alternative action by adding a 30-day amendment to her budget proposal.

The amendment included a provision that, if included in the 2025-26 budget, would give the governor the power to close five additional state prisons.

The move was met with condemnation from corrections officers and politicians alike, with Assemblyman Scott Gray calling the move "tone deaf" and likening the situa-

tion to "lighting a match next to a keg of powder."

Both Gray and Senator Mark Walczyk were also on hand at both Gouverneur and Riverview Correctional Facilities multiple times last week, visiting with officers and their families and taking tours of the facilities following uprisings by inmates.

The legislators' visits came mere hours after reports of inmate uprisings, which were confirmed by Ogdensburg Police.

According to Chief Mark Kearns, Corrections Emergency Response Teams were called to Riverview after a number of inmates were reported as being out of control.

The teams arrived shortly after 1 a.m., eventually restoring order by 8 a.m.

No officers were injured and some incarcerated individuals reportedly received minor injuries from each other. Reports of attempted escapes and people climbing fences were false, police said.

Feb. 21

Hochul announced she had secured the services of a mediator, Martin Scheinman, who would attempt to broker a deal between NYSCOPBA and the state.

Scheinman said he held a formal meeting with NYSCOPBA officials on Feb. 21, at which time union leaders pressed for formal mediation to be pushed forward to Feb. 24 instead of the planned start of Feb. 25.

Officials on both sides agreed to the plan, agreeing that formal mediation needed to occur as soon as possible. But the hiring of Scheinman came under fire by many correctional officers, who wished to remain anonymous for fear of retribution.

Public records, including through the Federal Election Commission, show Scheinman has donated thousands of dollars to numerous politicians over the last two decades, including multiple donations to former Governor Andrew Cuomo and Hochul.

Feb. 24

Mediation got underway between NYSCOPBA union leaders and state officials after officers issued a list of "absolutes" that needed to be met before any officers would return to the job.

Among them, officers were seeking a guarantee that no officers would be punished for walk-offs and any other actions taken, a repeal of the HALT Act, improvements in workplace safety and policies, along with two pay-grade bumps for officers and sergeants, along with a number of policy changes union leaders say will lead to recruitment and retention improvements.

While mediation was a primary focal point on Feb. 24, St. Lawrence County legislators unanimously supported correctional officers when they passed a resolution during the evening's Finance Committee meeting.

Legislators across the board said it was imperative to stand with corrections officers as they fought for "common sense reforms" to laws that placed them in increasing danger as they walked "the most dangerous beat in New York State."

The hostile amendment called for a full repeal of HALT, which State Senator Dan Stec attempted to complete when he introduced a hostile resolution during the legislative session that day.

The resolution was struck down on a party line vote, leaving many frustrated but "not surprised by the outcome," according to Stec.

Feb. 25

In an update provided by

NYSCOPBA Public Relations Director James Miller, the first day of mediation involved many talking points but little action.

"Day one of mediation concluded late yesterday afternoon and there were extensive discussions with the State and DOCCS on the need for operational changes, including immediately suspending certain provisions of HALT during the staffing crisis, potential legislative changes to permanently change HALT, elimination of triple shifts, legal mail scanning, no departmental discipline for members considered AWOL, increased recruitment efforts and incentives to bolster staffing," Miller said.

He also confirmed that inmates were being transferred from Collins Correctional Facility to other facilities to alleviate the staffing issues experienced there.

PROJECT...

project shortly after closing out the previous one during the last academic year because it takes years to eventually break ground.

"The reality is, we actually broke ground on the last capital project in the 2021-22 school year. We won't begin breaking ground until the 2027-28 year. So, we're seven years apart and there's still a lot of work to be done," he said.

Voters overwhelmingly approved the \$49.6 million capital project in 2019, however groundbreaking did not occur until the 2021-22 academic year.

Despite a "very aggressive" previous capital project, Burke said some work with the previous was not able to be completed due to the pandemic and rising costs, leaving more to be done this time around.

Burke said one main project officials will look to tackle will be a transition from a steam boiler plant to a hot water boiler.

An emergency project was completed in Nov. 2023 to install a ground steam pipe that runs from the Central Administration Building to the high school after a leak was discovered. Burke said that project will free up the high school parking area again, reopening a drive-through lane.

Other projects on the list for consideration include HVAC projects in the cafeteria and media center, along with an air handler in the auditorium.

Burke previously said installing air conditioning throughout the school is a main priority, however the cost to do so may deter the district from completing the entire project.

He commented recently that the air handler project in the auditorium is one that the district was unable to complete during the previous capital project.

"The location of the air handler is such that we cannot access it without removing some chairs and bringing in the lift. It wasn't well planned. We just couldn't do it in the last project, so we're either going to put a cat walk in or simply move the air handler," he said.

Roof, ceiling and lighting replacements are also in the works for the auditorium, he told board members.

Not all work will be inside the school, however, as additional work on the athletic fields is planned.

Replacing the turf field, which is beyond its life expectancy, is in the works, along with the addition of exterior toilet rooms near the grass athletic fields.

Renovations are also planned for the girl's locker room and pool renovations are a must, he said.

Resurfacing the track is also under consideration, along with replacement stadium lights.

Burke said the existing lights are too high to allow for light replace-

ment, requiring the district to contract the work out.

For the bus garage, Burke said officials hope to replace the heating system, along with a new roof and upgraded fire alarms.

Officials are also making contingencies to spend \$2.4 million on electric bus infrastructure should state officials continue to push forward with plans to implement an electric bus mandate.

At J.W. Leary Junior High School, the primary goal is to relocate the main office.

Burke said officials are planning to move the office closer to the building's exterior doors for security purposes.

"Right now you are buzzed in and then you have to walk across the hall to get to the office to sign in. We're going to be relocating the office such that it will be in direct contact with the office prior to being allowed inside the building," Burke said.

Other work expected at the junior high and elementary schools include HVAC replacements, water bottle filler station installation, along with roof and ceiling repairs, among others.

Community forums will be announced in the near future, along with tours, before voters head to the polls on May 20 to decide the fate of the next capital project.

BOCES...

Until the letter is received to the president, we know no more than you do," Bennett told Massena board members.

Bennett said the Franklin County BOCES superintendent had been appointed, noting he will be the one who works with the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES board to bring in a new member.

Perretta asked Bennett if BOCES would reach out to districts prior to hiring a new superintendent, in hopes of gauging what districts may feel they need in the future.

"That would be up to the superintendent that's coming in to sit with us so that we can line up how we're going to do it, and I have no idea at this point in time how we're going to do it. I hope that we communicate and get input but I can't say how it's going to operate at this time until I get the letter and find out more," Bennett said.

Bennett also took the time to seek the Massena board's support to serve another three-year term on the BOCES board, a role he has served in since 1995, he said.

He was previously a Massena Central School board member for 15 years prior to that.

"Many years ago we had a county school board and it was very active and you had time to meet with each other and talk. Today, that seems to be gone to the past. I'm going to try to convince some people to kind of reinvent the wheel and get back into better communication," he said.

Bennett said he hopes to continue to build on communication efforts with districts, informing board members he's "as close as the telephone."

He said he is used to receiving calls 24 hours per day and would be happy to take any calls board members may have.

"If I can't answer it, I will find out and get an answer for you," Bennett said.

In the end, the board opted to nominate Bennett, something other districts will be asked to do as well.

"Thank you for your many years of service and representation on the BOCES board. You also put in a good amount of time right here at this board table. We thank you for that," Massena board President Paul Haggett said.

NYPA pauses planned rate hike after public outcry

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- The New York Power Authority has paused a proposed rate hike that would have sent electric rates soaring 256%.

Officials with NYPA announced the decision to pause the implementation after significant backlash from numerous politicians and citizens alike, including from the North Country.

"At Governor Hochul's request, NYPA will move to withdraw the 2025 proposed rate increase. We understand that New Yorkers are struggling right now, and we intend to make every effort to collaborate with our customers and stakeholders to find a way forward," NYPA officials told multiple media outlets.

The proposal was aimed at increasing Preference Power Rates, which would have impacted numerous North Country communities, county officials said.

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.

St. Lawrence County legislators recently passed a resolution denouncing the move, saying it would be "devastating to low and fixed-income families throughout the North Country."

The vote was thirteen in favor with two abstentions coming from John Gennett, who cited his employment, and Nicole Terminelli who cited her husband's employment.

Legislator Rita Curran proposed the resolution, which featured numerous cosponsors, saying the proposal had "dire consequences" for families.

"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 during

Massena School District to keep naming policy in place

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Despite efforts to change a policy requiring 1,000 signatures to name a facility in honor of an individual in the Massena Central School District, officials opted to leave the policy untouched.

Board of Education President Paul Haggett had previously raised concerns over the policy, noting he felt 1,000 signatures was "excessive" when 100 letters of support were also required.

Haggett said it was his belief that the rule was passed in 2019, though he said he never liked the thresholds that were established.

"I've always felt that was just too high of a bar, and I would like to request the Policy Committee take another look at that and see if that couldn't be modified," Haggett previously told board members.

Haggett had requested the committee review the policy

the Feb. 10 Operations Committee meeting.

Curran said she didn't know how families "can carry this" and afford to pay for the increase.

Legislator David Forsythe was equally critical of the move during the Feb. 10 meeting.

"Even if it's a 100% increase it's still too much," Forsythe said.

"Hopefully they'll reconsider this because it's astronomical."

Had the rate increase gone through, residential electric bills would have increased anywhere from \$13 to \$30 per month, officials said.

The cost per megawatt would have increased from \$12.88/megawatt hour to \$33.05/megawatt hour in year four of the five-year NYPA rate increase, county officials said.

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

Despite going under the radar for several weeks, public outcry began to bubble to the surface as more counties and state officials criticized NYPA leadership for proposing what was described by many as "devastating and unacceptable."

Governor Kathy Hochul recently criticized the proposal as well, calling on NYPA officials to delay the proposal as families struggle to pay for basic needs.

"Today, I'm calling for an end to the Power Authority's unacceptable proposal to raise electric rates on its customers statewide," Hochul said on Feb. 14.

"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," she said.

Monroe informed the board that multiple facets were weighed when considering a change, including overall population in the district compared to the number of signatures required.

In the end, Monroe said the committee opted to keep the policy as written.

"We had some discussion about how 1,000 signatures represents roughly 1/7th of community voter input currently. So, the recommendation was to keep that policy as written," he said.

The move to review the policy was not an actionable agenda item but rather a request by Haggett, one that he said was prompted by his personal belief that the thresholds were simply too much.

"I very much appreciate that you took the time in the meeting to have more discussion on that. I do appreciate that," he said.

**OGDENSBURG
LEGAL NOTICE**
Notice is hereby given that public hearings were held on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, and the following were passed by the City Council, meeting in regular session on February 24, 2025:

1) Ordinance #1 of 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27-22 OF THE OGDENSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ETHICS, CODE OF"

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg as follows:

ITEM ONE: That Chapter 27-22 of the Ogdensburg Municipal Code entitled "Ethics, Code of" be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

§ 27-22. Powers and duties; legal counsel.

A. The Board of Ethics shall have the powers and duties prescribed by Article 18 of the General Municipal Law and shall render advisory opinions to the officers and employees of the City of Ogdensburg with respect to Article 18 of the General Municipal Law and any Code of Ethics adopted pursuant to such Article, under such rules and regulations as the Board may prescribe. In addition, the Board may make recommendations with respect to the drafting and adoption of a Code of Ethics or amendments thereto upon request of the City Council. The legal counsel of the Board of Ethics shall be the City Attorney.

B. Ethics complaints involving City Council members shall be referred to the Board of Ethics for review and investigation. City Council shall provide any needed resources to conduct such investigation; the City Attorney shall provide legal counsel when appropriate to such investigations. In the circumstance where a referral has been made, Board of Ethics will issue a report to City Council with recommendations, including

recommendations for discipline.

C. Ethics complaints filed against a city employee (excluding the city manager) shall be referred to the city manager for review, investigation, and disposition. The city manager may refer the complaint to the Board of Ethics at the manager's discretion. In the circumstance where a referral has been made, Board of Ethics will issue a report to City Council with recommendations, including

recommendations for discipline.

D. Ethics complaints filed against the city manager or unpaid municipal officer shall be referred to the City Council for review, investigation, and disposition. City Council may refer the complaint to the Board of Ethics at their discretion. In the circumstance where a referral has been made, Board of Ethics will issue a report to City Council with recommendations, including

recommendations for discipline.

ITEM TWO: This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication of notice that shall give the title and describe same in summary form.

2) ORDINANCE #2 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE DELETING CHAPTER 199-39 ENTITLED "LOCAL INCENTIVES EXTENDED" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

ITEM ONE:

That §Chapter 199-39 entitled "Local incentives extended" is deleted in its entirety.

ITEM TWO:

This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication of notice, which shall give the title and describe same in summary form.

Dated: February 25, 2025

Cathy A. Jock
City Clerk

**POTSDAM
NOTICE OF
FORMATION OF A
LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Parkhurst Properties LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/22/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Parkhurst Properties LLC: 6510 NY - Highway 56 Potsdam, NY 13676 . Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**HOPKINTON
LEGAL NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Resolution of the Hopkinton Town Board, St. Lawrence County, New York; and in compliance with Section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, all Town Highways in the Town of Hopkinton will be temporarily closed to all vehicles having gross weight in excess of five tons including load, upon erection of signs and will remain in effect until the authorized removal of the closing signs.

Dated: February 24, 2025
Greg Crump, Highway Supt.
Town of Hopkinton

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

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

**BRASHER
LEGAL NOTICE**
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Regular Meeting of the Brasher Town Board will be held on Wednesday, March 12th, 2025, at 4:00 PM it will be held at the Municipal Building in Brasher Falls, NY. All meetings are open to the public, everyone is welcome to attend.

DATED: February 24, 2025
Bethany St. Hilaire,
Town Clerk
Town of Brasher

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY**

OGDENSBURG-PRESCOTT INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE U.S. APPROACH TRUSS SPAN PAINTING REHABILITATION PIN 7754.28, D041413 &
OGDENSBURG-PRESCOTT INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE U.S. APPROACH PAVING REHABILITATION PIN 7754.29

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.ogdensport.com.

OBPA in cooperation with Greenman-Pedersen Inc. (GPI), the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is developing the design of two construction contracts. The Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge U.S. Approach Truss Span Painting Rehabilitation project seeks to paint as many U.S. Approach Truss Spans as funding allows in 2025 or 2026. The U.S. Approach Paving Rehabilitation project seeks to repair and repave the U.S. bridge approach asphalt pavements from Proctor Avenue through the toll plaza and U.S. Customs facility to the backwall of the U.S. Abutment in 2025 or 2026. Both projects will involve specialized work and will require alternating signalized single lane work zone traffic control for paving on the approaches and painting equipment to be located on the structure.

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.

Further information on the project may be obtained from contacting Steve Lawrence, Executive Director, Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority, 1 Bridge Plaza, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or by telephone at (315) 393-4080 ext. 226.

**HEUVELTON
LEGAL NOTICE**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS, A STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND OR INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PUMPER FIRE TRUCK FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300,000

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Heuvelton, St. Lawrence County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The purchase of a Pumper Fire Truck for the Village of Heuvelton is in the interest of its residents of the Village of Heuvelton. The maximum cost of such specific objects or purposes is \$1,300,000

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid Pumper Fire Truck is twenty (20) years; pursuant to Section 11 (27) of the Local Finance Law. It is further determined that no down payment is required pursuant to Section 107 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. The plan for the financing of such estimated cost for such objects or purposes is by the issuance of Serial Bonds, a Statutory Installment Bond or Installment Purchase Agreement not to exceed \$1,300,000 for such objects or purposes of said Village, hereby authorized to be issued therefore pursuant to the Local Finance Law. Such financing shall be repaid over a period in excess of five (5) years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of the Village of Heuvelton, St. Lawrence County, New York is hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable.

Section 5. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether to manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the Village by the facsimile signature of its Village Treasurer), including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Village Treasurer. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the Village not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Village Mayor shall determine.

Section 6. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in the North Country This Week, the official newspaper of said Village, for such purpose, together with a notice of the Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. This resolution is subject to permissive referendum, pursuant to Section 36.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for the purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a roll call vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Mayor Barbara Lashua yes X no _____

Gus Guardino yes X no _____

Carol Basford yes X no _____

Mike Hebert yes X no _____

E. Jack Wood yes X no _____

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**NORTH COUNTRY
THIS WEEK**

**OGDENSBURG
LEGAL NOTICE**

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The bond ordinance, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on August 7, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such ordinance may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the City of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A complete copy of the ordinance summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the City Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Ogdensburg, New York,
February 20, 2025.

/s/ Cathy Jock
City Clerk

BOND ORDINANCE DATED AUGUST 7, 2023.
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF EAST DAVID STREET IN AND FOR THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$5,000,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY, TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

Specific object or purpose: Reconstruction of East David Street infrastructure

Maximum Estimated Cost: \$5,000,000

Period of probable usefulness: 4

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

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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.

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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.

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

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.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

A petition has been filed by Raikenkonnis 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

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.

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.

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.

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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

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.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF ESTATE SETTLEMENT

A petition to be named Executor in the Estate of Mae M. Bigtree, late of Akwesasne, NY has been filed in the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court. Notice is hereby given to all heirs and beneficiaries who may wish to object to the validity of Mae M. Bigtree's will or appointment Elizabeth Sunday as Executor. Objections must be filed with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court by February 15, 2025. Notice is hereby given to all potential creditors who may have an interest in said estate to present their interest. Any creditors shall contact the Tribal Court at 518-358-6300 on or before February 15, 2025. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

CANTON NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Pine Street Rental, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/16/2025. 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 James E. Franklin Jr: 32 Park Street, Canton, NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

CANTON NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Clean Lines Bookkeeping LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/2024. 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 Caroline LaMarche: 530 Eels Road, Canton, NY. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NORWOOD NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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

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.

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.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Village of Potsdam will accept sealed bids for supplying the Village Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants with performing Annual Laboratory Testing Requirements on an annual contract basis for the period from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. The Village reserves the right to waive informality and to reject any and all bids, or any part of any or all bids. The bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope with the name of the bidder plainly marked and labeled "Potsdam, Annual Contract for Performing Laboratory Testing Requirements" on the outside of the envelope. No bidder may withdraw their bid within forty-five (45) days of the bid opening. Bids will be received at the Office of the Village Clerk, Civic Center 2 Park Street, PO Box 5168, Potsdam, New York until 1:00 pm, on Friday, March 14, 2025, at which time they shall be publicly opened and read aloud. A copy of the specifications may be obtained from the Village Clerk at address above, by email at gscott@vi.potsdam.ny.us or by phone (315) 265-7480 Ext. 1. The supplier of the laboratory testing requirements must be a New York State certified laboratory. Georgine Scott, Village Clerk.

OGDENSBURG NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of EVOLUTION GROUP FITNESS L.L.C.. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/12/2024. 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 Bridgette Havens: 618 Anthony Street Ogdensburg NY 13669. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Ogdensburg City School District invites the submission of Sealed Bid Proposals to furnish materials and labor to complete the Ogdensburg City School District Capital Improvements Project – Phase 1

Project No. 2022-014A

all in accordance with the plans and specifications. This work is to be bid under a MULTIPLE CONTRACT system covering the work of all trades under separate contracts as follows:

Contract No. 1 – General Construction
Contract No. 2 – Mechanical
Contract No. 3 – Plumbing
Contract No. 4 – Electrical
Contract No. 5 – Site

Sealed Bid Proposals will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, on **Tuesday, March 11, 2025**, at the Ogdensburg City School District District Office at Ogdensburg Free Academy 1100 State Street Ogdensburg, New York 13669

Any bid may be withdrawn without prejudice prior to the official bid submission time or any publicized postponement thereof.

Please visit thebcgroup.com/bidding for the project information and select the project and complete the Bid Set Request Form to order a printed or digital copy or both, of the bidding documents. Printed copies of the documents for each prospective bidder may be obtained from the office of BCA Architects & Engineers upon payment of \$100.00 for printed sets. A payment of \$100.00 will be required for each printed additional set requested (if available). Bidders wishing documents mailed to them shall include, in addition to the document deposit, a non-refundable check of \$15.00 per set for handling and postage or a UPS/FedEx account number.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF BCA Architects & Engineers AND PRINTED MUST BE RETURNED IN GOOD CONDITION WITHIN THIRTY (30) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER AWARD OF CONTRACT OR REJECTION OF BIDS. The plan deposit for one set of Plans and Specifications will be refunded to bona fide bidders returning Plans and Specifications to BCA Architects & Engineers within 30 business days after award of Contract or rejection of bids. A partial refund of the plan deposit, in an amount equal to the full amount of such deposit, less the actual cost of reproduction of the Plans and Specifications shall be made to non-bidders and unsuccessful bidders for the return of all other copies of the Plans and Specifications in good condition within 30 business days following the award of the Contract or the rejection of the bids.

Plan Deposit Policy, Plan Holders List, Pre-Bid Estimates, and a list of Addendums, if any, may be found at www.thebcgroup.com/bidding.

No Contractor will be allowed to visit the site without an appointment made through the Owner. Should a Contractor wish to access the site, they may contact Mr. Brian Mitchell, Director of Support Services by telephone at (315) 569 - 9008 or email at bmitchell@ogdensburg12.org.

A prebid conference and onsite review of the project areas will be conducted by the Architect and Construction Manager on **Thursday, February 20, 2025, commencing at 10:00 a.m. in the OFA High School Cafeteria**. The prebid conference will be for all contracts.

Bids shall be prepared as set forth in the Information to Bidders, enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing on its face the name, address and phone number of the bidder and the title of the project.

Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, the Architect/Engineer, and the respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation or recommendation of any bid.

The Owner further reserves its right to disqualify bidders for any material failure to comply with the Information for Bidders and General Conditions.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or defects in such bid either before or after opening.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the "INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS". Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and to the minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 45 business days after the date of the opening of bids.

ATTENTION OUT-OF-STATE BIDDERS

Please pay particular attention to the Form of Proposal and its related forms in the project manual. Out-of-State Bidders are required to complete the "Statement Concerning Authority to do Business in the State of New York for non-New York State Companies" located in the Form of Proposal package. There are three sections that must be completed. You must also have the Non-Collusion Certificate completed and signed and if you are a corporation, you must have the Resolution completed and signed.

No bid will be considered when opened unless accompanied by a certified copy of your Authority to do Business in New York State. This is not to be confused with a sales tax certificate. The Authority can be obtained by contacting:

New York State Department of State
Division of Corporations
162 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12231
(518) 473-2492

If the Certificate does not accompany the bid, the bid is not valid.

In the event you are of the opinion that you are not required to obtain the Authority To Do Business in New York state, and you are not a New York State Corporation, then you should complete the Statement Concerning Authority to do Business. You must complete two out of three sections. The top portion must be completed by all vendors needing to complete this document and then either the Individual Acknowledgement or the Corporate Acknowledgement, depending on the status of your business.

By Order Of:

Date: 2/7/25

Mr. Kevin Kendall, District

Former attorney, Boy Scout leader suing SLC loses appeal in Second Circuit court

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

CANTON -- The Second Circuit Court of Appeals has denied the appeal of a former attorney who was convicted of sexually assaulting a child in 2014.

According to court documents, Circuit Judges José Cabranes, Raymond Lohier, Jr. and Richard Sullivan ruled that Michael Kelsey's appeal be dismissed and his attempt for relief be denied.

The justices ruled Kelsey "lacks an arguable basis either in law or fact."

Kelsey has long been appealing to overturn his conviction in 2016, which in turn would have allowed him to also have his name removed from the state sex offender registry.

Kelsey, who was also a Dutchess County legislator at the time of the initial allegations, was convicted of first-degree sexual abuse, first-degree attempted sexual abuse, forcible touching and two counts of endangering the welfare of a child in 2016.

The charges and subsequent conviction stem from a Boy Scouts camping trip to Cranberry Lake in 2014. Victims told investigators that Kelsey assaulted one boy and attempted to assault another.

Despite multiple attempts to appeal the decision and subsequent punishment, Kelsey was unsuccessful.

Kelsey was attempting to strike at the constitutionality of his sex offender status, in particular the Corrections Law that required him to be registered.

Kelsey was sentenced to an aggregate prison term of seven years to be followed by 10 years of post release supervision following his conviction.

Salvation Army providing hot drinks to responders, victims at local disasters

BY CHERYL SHUMWAY

North Country This Week

MASSENA — The Salvation Army of Massena is now responding to local disasters by providing hot drinks to first responders and disaster victims, thanks to a canteen truck they received in December.

They are planning on also providing food during disasters when their commercial kitchen is completed.

The Emergency Disaster Crew got right to work, responding to four fires in St. Lawrence County recently.

The first response was to a house fire in Brasher, where they supported emergency responders and the homeowner with hot drinks and were able to serve alongside the fire department auxiliary, said Lieutenant/Pastor Nicholas White.

Charged with child porn

OGDENSBURG — An Ogdensburg man who allegedly stored child pornography on the internet was arrested today.

Jason R. Sias, 47, of Mechanic Street, was charged Feb. 20 with one count each of promotion of a sexual performance by a child and possession of a sexual performance by a child, State Police say.

The investigation began when an online storage platform found that child exploitation material had been uploaded to its servers in November of 2024, and reported the material to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Sias was arraigned in City of Ogdensburg Court and was remanded to the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$1,000 bail or \$2,000 bond.

He is scheduled to reappear in City of Ogdensburg Court Feb. 27.

The investigation is still ongoing.

The Troop B Computer Crime Unit was assisted by the Ogdensburg Police Department and Homeland Security Investigations in making the arrest.

The punishment issued in 2016 was then held up on an appeal, according to court documents.

Kelsey was released from prison in May 2022 but prior to his release, a risk assessment instrument was submitted by the Board of Examiners of Sex Offenders that classified him as a risk level two sex offender with a sexually violent offender designation.

Kelsey tried to reargue the designation but was denied "based on a failure to provide notice of motion to the People," according to court documents.

He also sought to require the St. Lawrence County District Attorney to destroy all copies of pre-sentence reports. Mary Rain was the district attorney during Kelsey's initial conviction.

Kelsey also sought monetary damages, punitive damages and \$10,000 for attorney's fees. Kelsey is representing himself in all court actions.

In other court actions, Kelsey sued County Court Judge Felix Catena, who presided over his trial, Kim Nethaway, the stenographer who transcribed the trial and former Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals Janet DiFiore, claiming that "various alleged deficiencies in the proceedings deprived him of due process and negativity impacted the appeal of his ensuing conviction.

Those actions were dismissed in State Supreme Court since Nethaway was not properly served notice and Catena was entitled to judicial immunity.

Christopher Sherman and Catena were both included in the dismissal issued by the Second Circuit on Feb. 20.

County officials long held that the county should be dismissed from any legal actions involving Kelsey, something that has now been affirmed by the courts.

Their next fire was to assist the Louisville firefighters with the fire on Route 56.

"Our third call to action was with the Massena Fire Department for the tragic fire on Chase Street, and our most recent was the fire in Potsdam," he said.

"We currently have a crew of six people, and we are looking for more people to join and receive training that is provided by the Salvation Army," said White.

"The more volunteers the better, as it will ensure that we can always get a crew together if we are needed for any kind of emergency throughout the north country. If we have volunteers throughout the north country, then if there is an emergency in their area, we call on them and not someone that's farther away," he said.

"We will also need some volunteers who will come into our new commercial kitchen on Victory Road while the truck is being utilized to prepare food and needs during emergencies as well," he said.

The Massena Salvation Army is currently building a commercial kitchen that will serve as both a soup kitchen and food preparation during disasters. The kitchen is expected to

be finished in April.

They are also planning to have their canteen truck at events this summer throughout the North Country, promoting volunteers and awareness of how they can help.

"With this section of service, we are always seeking monetary donations that are earmarked for Emergency Disaster Services, which will allow us to help with purchasing supplies for the canteen truck and help victims get back on their feet and through a disaster," said White.

Brasher man charged with first-degree rape of minor

BRASHER — A Brasher Falls man who allegedly forced sexual intercourse with a child was arrested Tuesday, State Police say.

Devin M. Merritt, 29, of Brasher Falls, was charged Feb. 18 with one count first-degree rape following a State Police investigation of an incident reported April 14 of 2021.

State Police say that Merritt forced sexual intercourse on a female victim aged younger than 11 between 2012 and 2015 on Munson Road in the town of Brasher, leading to his charge.

During the investigation, it was revealed that Merritt was already

incarcerated for unrelated charges, police say. Merritt was placed on parole following his earlier sentence and served an additional three years after he violated his parole conditions, Troopers say.

Brasher Falls Town Court issued an arrest warrant in anticipation of his release due to the pending first-degree rape charge.

Merritt was arraigned Feb. 18 in the Town of Canton Court and remanded to the St. Lawrence County Jail, with \$25,000 cash bail or \$50,000 bond.

Merritt is scheduled to return to Brasher Town Court on March 11.

Two airlifted to after crash

OSWEGATCHIE — Two St. Lawrence County residents were injured Friday afternoon following a motor vehicle accident on State Highway 68, according to state police.

Troopers reportedly responded shortly after noon Feb. 21 to a personal-injury accident. Investigation revealed that a 2019 blue Ford F-150, driven by 58-year-old Deuard D. Vanorum of Heuvelton, was traveling southeast when the vehicle exited its lane and collided head-on with a red 2011 Town and Country minivan.

The minivan was operated by

160 fentanyl packets seized

GOUVERNEUR — A Gouverneur man was charged with felony drug charges following a traffic stop by county sheriff's deputies.

Craig Murdie was charged with two counts third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance (B felony), one count fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance (C felony), two counts criminal use of drug paraphernalia (A misdemeanor), and one count each seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance

and third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, both misdemeanors.

Sheriff's office representatives reported that Murdie was charged following a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 11 in Gouverneur, during which 16.9 grams of cocaine, 3 grams of methamphetamine, and 160 packets of fentanyl were discovered. Murdie was arraigned in Gouverneur Town Court and remanded to the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility without bail.

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NORTH COUNTRY OPINION

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SLC Democrats call for Mayor Adams exit

The St. Lawrence County Democratic Committee believes trust in public officials is crucial to the functioning of a democratic society; without it, democracy withers. Loyalty to the rule of law is more important to us than loyalty to our own party.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams, a Democrat, was indicted last year by federal prosecutors on serious charges, including conspiracy to receive campaign contributions from Turkish nationals, wire fraud, and bribery. Charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice were pending.

Rather than let this play out in a court of law, after Adams traveled to Mar-A-Lago to meet with then President-elect Trump.

Trump referred to career federal prosecutors as "dirty players," providing no evidence of such, and recently ordered the Justice Department to dismiss charges against Adams.

But finding a prosecutor to halt the prosecution has proved challenging.

In a rare show of courage against this administration, US Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Danielle Sassoon, a Republican, resigned rather than be complicit with stunning allegations of political interference, according

to her eight page letter to new U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi.

She claimed NYC Mayor Adams's attorneys repeatedly urged a quid pro quo under which Adams would cooperate with Trump administration goals in exchange for dropping the charges; something

they allegedly did in her presence at a January 31, 2025 meeting where meeting notes were confiscated by the DOJ lawyer. She claimed she was "confident" in the charges against Adams.

In a stunning blow to this administration, five top lawyers at the Public Integrity Section in D.C. also resigned rather than dismiss charges against Adams.

This was followed by resignations from four of Adams's deputy mayors who referenced staying "faithful to the oaths (they) swore to New Yorkers" as one reason to resign.

This interference with a serious federal case reeks of corruption. The St. Lawrence County Democratic Committee calls on Mayor Adams to immediately resign, and we call upon Governor Hochul to strongly urge the resignation as well.

New Yorkers of any party who agree that integrity matters are asked to contact the governor's office to demand Adams's resignation. (1-518-474-8390 or submit an

email from the governor's website contact page.)

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

Writer responds to Musk criticism

I wish to respond to recent letters criticizing Trump and Musk examining how our tax dollars are spent, and other alleged wrongdoings. I can only address a few of the flawed accusations.

Ms. Lunt: The shortage and cost of eggs is due to bird flu killing 20 million hens. No president's economic policy can fix that natural disaster.

We are 36 trillion in debt. Every three months, another trillion is added. Our government spends 6 trillion a year, but takes in only 4.7 trillion in revenues, a shortfall of 1.3 trillion.

That violates the iron law of economics you cannot spend more than you make.

If every penny was taken from billionaires, it could run the government for only 8 months. Tax them more, they cannot invest in new businesses to create jobs. A sound budget to restrict government wasteful spending is needed, not more taxation.

US citizens contribute 550 billion a year to charities. Our government gives 70 billion to finance things like Sesame Street programming in Iraq for 20 million, which could be better spent elsewhere. Individual citizen's donations don't have political strings attached. I don't understand the resistance for transparency in how our tax dollars are spent.

Musk co-founded PayPal, containing personal financial accounts of nearly 300 million Americans. I think it's safe to assume Musk, whose net worth is 394 billion, is unlikely to steal from us auditing the books. The discovery of 1.2 billion dollars in Social security checks mailed to dead people and cashed by

unknown individuals, is just one example to be applauded for protecting a program many depend on.

Ms. Potts stated; "Education on population biology- this planet has more people than the ecology can support." So give the state power to outlaw women from having more than one child? Or have a child at all? Force abortions for violators? Fears of over-population are groundless.

US and European nation's birth rates for decades have been below the 2.4 minimum to maintain their population. China tried a one-child policy with disastrous consequences. Japan struggles to care for its growing elderly popu-

lation with a decreasing number of young people.

We fought a world war to stop an evil government's population control ideology. Let's not reinvent it again. God made the earth big enough to house and feed us, and many more besides.

**Ron Shirtz
Rensselaer Falls**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR of North Country This Week are welcome and should be 400 words or fewer and are subject to editing. They can be e-mailed to Letters@NorthCountryNow.com, faxed to 315-268-8701, mailed to P.O. Box 975, Potsdam, NY 13676 or dropped off at our new office location, 4 Clarkson Ave. in Potsdam.

NCNOW SURVEY

TV favored way to receive extreme winter weather info



Debbie Morgan | NCTW

Last week's question

How do you receive information about winter weather events?

HOW DO YOU usually receive information about extreme winter weather events, such as blizzards, in St. Lawrence County?

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SUNY Canton Roos House Athletic Center

Annual 'North Country Kids Expo' to offer day of fun, info March 8 in Canton

The North Country Kid's Expo is a day of fun for families with play zones, demonstrations, vendors, and special interactive entertainment!

The year's event, hosted by the St. Lawrence County Chamber, will be held March 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at SUNY Canton Roos House Athletic Center, 34 Cornell Dr.

Admission is \$5 for ages 13 and older; free for kids under 12.

Experts and representatives will be available to share resources and information on area opportunities for families, from health care, to after school activities, to regional attractions.

Learn about family services while kids spend the day playing with a variety of activities including games, crafts, story times, fun photo opportunities, special appearances throughout the day and more!



Many exhibits, service-providers and vendors at Kids Expo

- **Adirondack Regional Technology Center TRAID Program:** Adapted play toys and games for kids with disabilities, sensory toys.
- **Applewood Orchards:** Oversized yard games/wheel to spin/possible photo opp.
- **Brie House Publishing**
- **CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates:** St. Patrick's Day themed game or craft
- **Children's Miracle Network**
- **Cornell Coop Ext of SLC/NC Clean Energy Hub:** Energy hands-on activities in "wind" & "solar"/energy storytime
- **Cornell Coop Ext of SLC/4-H Camp Overlook:** Germination station - plant life cycle; plant to take home
- **Crafting Towards Dreams**
- **Deep Root Center:** Arts & crafts materials for open-ended creativity
- **KIDS BIZ/Fables Cool Creations:** Selling earrings & bracelets
- **Fidelis Care**
- **Girl Scouts NY PENN Pathways:** selling cookies
- **Little River Community School**
- **Nature Up North/SLU:** Animal skulls for basic ID - maybe animal tracking activity
- **Nicandri Nature Center**
- **North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council, Inc.**
- **North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council, Inc. Family Opportunity Center:** St. Patrick's Day activities: wreath making, Shamrock Toss and coloring sheets



St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce | Submitted
Hundreds of children participated in activities at last year's North Country Kids Expo. Events are scheduled throughout Kids Expo 2025 for young and old alike

- **Northstar Health Alliance, NSHA**
- **KIDS BIZ/Shawna Riley:** Selling key chains & jewelry
- **Rochester Regional Health St. Lawrence Region:** Health Jeopardy
- **Scouting America, Longhouse Council:** Inflatable tomahawk target
- **Sewing 4 U & More:** Make your own superhero mask (while supplies last)
- **KIDS BIZ/Theo's Crafts:** Makes and sells buttons
- **SLC Center for History & Culture:** Hands-on crafts and educational toys
- **St. Catherine of Siena Academy:** Games, displays and read-alouds.
- **SLC Arts Council:** Kids Expo Mural
- **SLC People Project:** Make bookmarks
- **SLC Public Health**
- **St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union**
- **SLC Sheriff's Office:** NYS Sheriff's Safe-child ID Program
- **SeaComm Federal Credit Union:** Spin the Wheel (STW) for prizes
- **SUNY Canton - WCIP**
- **Victims Assistance Center/Child Advocacy Center of NNY:** Duck game - pick a duck/win a prize
- **WPBS-TV:** Engaging carnival game to win prizes

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POTSDAM -- SUNY Potsdam is pleased to announce another Free Application Week for all freshman and transfer applicants, running now through Sunday, March 2.

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"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 Office of Admissions is open for personalized tours. To set up a visit or a chat with an admissions counselor, go to www.potsdam.edu/. To learn more about SUNY Potsdam's Free Application Week, visit www.potsdam.edu/freeapp.



Photo submitted by Two Guys and a Camera

Muskets crack in the streets

The annual Battle of Ogdensburg reenactment took place Saturday, Feb. 22, on the streets of Ogdensburg and Sunday, Feb. 23 at the Lighthouse at Van Rensselaer Point. The Fort La Présentation Association and Forsyth's Rifles staged the War of 1812 era battle with a beach landing, the crack of muskets, and cannon fire. For more photos: twoguysandacamera.photoreflect.com.

BRIEFLY

Craft and vendor show

MADRID — A craft and vendor show will be held Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Madrid-Waddington Central School. There will be crafts, food, a Chinese auction, and a bottle drive. Admission is \$2. Vendors are sought for the show. The cost per table is \$30 for a 10X10 space. Tables and chairs not provided. Send check payable to MWCS Project Graduation: 68 LaGrasse St. Waddington, NY, 13694. The deadline is March 1.

WHAT'S GOING ON

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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Bridal expo

CANTON -- Brides to be...Save the Date! March 2nd is our 23rd Annual Bridal Expo held at the Best Western University Inn Canton at 11 a.m. Find everything you need from fashions and music to catering and decor. Take advantage of this free event and begin planning your dream wedding!. 11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sunday, March 2, 2025. Free Entry. Sonya Butler, sbutler@universityinncanton.com, 3157142641. Best Western University Inn Conference Center 90 East Main Street, Canton, NY.

Small Town Ramblers

HEUVELTON -- Heuvelton AMVETS Post 1997, 107 State St. will host, from 1 to 5 p.m., a dance featuring the Small Town Ramblers Band. There will be a \$5 cover charge, and during band breaks, the AMVETS will host a Sweets 4 Hearts auction, benefiting the American Cancer Society.

MONDAY, MARCH 3

AI and disinformation

MADRID -- "AI and Disinformation" is a free class offered Monday, March 3, at 2:30 p.m. at Hepburn Library of Madrid. The course is for adults 60+ years, offered in conjunction with AARP Senior Planet. No materials are required, but signup is required as space is limited. Please contact the library at 315.322.5673 or madlib@ncls.org to register.

Ladies Auxiliary meeting

HEUVELTON -- The Heuvelton AMVETS Post 1997, located at 107 State Street, Heuvelton, to host AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary #1997 meeting, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Children's mental health

HEUVELTON -- Clarkson University's Occupational Therapy Department is hosting

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a mental health awareness presentation aimed at providing support to children on Tuesday, March 4 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Heuvelton Central School Auditorium. Parents, caregivers, teachers and paraprofessionals from any school district in St. Lawrence County are invited to attend. Children over the age of 13 are welcome to attend with an adult caregiver. Clarkson University Clinical Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy Ashleigh Graveline and Occupational Therapy Student Kaylee Wood will share information on common mental health diagnoses in children, and how these conditions might present in younger populations. Info: agraveli@clarkson.edu.

LEICC council meets

CANTON -- The Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council (LEICC) meets twice a year to discuss issues and policies related to the NYS Early Intervention Program that provides services for children with disabilities from ages birth through three. Council members include parents, service providers, program administrators, and legislators. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4 from 1-3 p.m. at the Human Services Center, 80 State Highway 310, 2nd Floor Conference Room. Participants are strongly encouraged to attend in person. To attend virtually, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89925236249?pwd=uxj-sIRSAwBUccVNrb25bPqggDzMEi.1>. Meeting ID: 899 2523 6249; Passcode: 115536. Public welcome to attend this meeting. Info: (315) 386-2325.

THURS., MARCH 6**QPR training**

MASSENA -- There will be a QPR training [Question, Persuade, and Refer, the 3 steps to help someone at risk of suicide] on Thursday, March 6 at 6 p.m. at the New Testament Church, 265 Andrews St. As a trained QPR gatekeeper, participants will learn to: recognize the warning signs of suicide, know how to offer hope, know how to get help and save a life. QPR can be learned in our Gatekeeper course in as little as one hour. Info: Alexa Chase, AChase@stlawco.gov, 315-379-9464. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/nrvv3ytz>.

Engineer's Open House

CANTON -- SUNY Canton's Canino School of Engineering Technology will host their Engineer's Week Open House event from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 6 in Nevaldine Hall. Parents and children of all ages are invited to attend the free event, which features more than 10 hands-on activities that are designed to inspire students to pursue STEM careers. Guests will get a glimpse into the college's tech-focused programs by testing out virtual reality equipment, exploring

game design techniques, experimenting with 3D printing, and more. All students can participate in a team competition to design and assemble a model bridge using flexible plastic pieces. High school juniors and seniors on the winning team will each receive a \$500 scholarship. Other participants will be eligible to win prizes. Dinner will be provided, and guests can register by visiting <https://www.canton.edu/engineers/>.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7**'The Lightning Thief'**

BRASHER -- St. Lawrence Central School's Drama Club is set to bring the high-energy musical The Lightning Thief, The Percy Jackson Musical to the stage March 7 and 8, at 7 p.m. in the SLC High School auditorium. Tickets are available for purchase at the door or on cur8.com (search "St. Lawrence Central Drama Club"). Adult tickets are \$12, while Student/Senior (55+) tickets are \$10.

Karaoke

HEUVELTON -- The Heuvelton AMVETS Post 1997, located at 107 State Street, Heuvelton, to host KC and DJ karaoke, 6-9 p.m.; no cover charge; queen of hearts drawing at 7 p.m.

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Barkley and Gilbert

HEUVELTON -- Joshua Barkley & Laura Gilbert will perform "songs you know and love by people you know and love - or will" at Pickens Hall on Saturday, March 8 at 7 p.m. With music ranging from jazz standards and Great American Song Book selections, to hits from more

modern artists including Amy Winehouse, Alicia Keys, and Norah Jones, there is something for every audience member. Laura's large vocal range coupled with Josh's impressive improvisational skills on the keys allows them to sing and play just about anything. Tickets \$15 at the door or www.pickenshall.com.

Senior dance

MASSENA -- A senior citizens dance night is set for March 8 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.

Kids' Expo

CANTON -- It's that time of year again for

play zones, vendors, interactive entertainment and other children centric fun at the 2025 North Country Kids' Expo. Hosted by St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce and featuring vendors from organizations, businesses and other groups, Kids' Expo is scheduled for Saturday, March 8 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The event will once again be staged at the SUNY Canton Roos House Athletic Center, 34 Cornell Drive. More than 1,400 people attended last year's expo and a similar turnout is expected this year. The March 8th event will feature about 30 vendors offering everything from scouting information, health and wellness games, craft projects, jewelry, live music, story time, science exhibits, St. Patrick's Day crafts, read alouds, snacks, games and other fun.



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Tickets are available for purchase at the door or on cur8.com (search "St. Lawrence Central Drama Club"). Adult tickets are \$12, while Student/Senior (55+) tickets are \$10.

Based on Rick Riordan's popular Percy Jackson book, this musical adaptation features rock and roll-

style music, exciting battle scenes, and high-energy dance numbers. With dialogue by Joe Tracz and music and lyrics by Rob Rokicki, the show promises an unforgettable experience for the audience.

The cast includes: Nekoda Barse as Percy Jackson, Emma Montgomery as Annabeth Chase, Malachi Besaw as Grover Underwood, Truman Burnett as Luke Castellan, Mikhaila Cootware in multiple roles (Sally Jackson, Charon, Medusa), Norman Hill as Mr. Brunner/Chiron, Alexis Crites as Clarisse, Rex Hoyt as Mr. D, Aries, Claire Todd as Thalia, Adam Kohl as Poseidon, Hades, and Cyclops, Emma Baker Mrs. Dodds), Andrew Parker as Gabe Ugliano, Minotaur; and Madilyn Austin as Silena Beauregard.

Crew includes Stage Manager Lelia Debiew, and several other team members including Natalia Love, Kyle Pelkey, and Olivia Richards. Junior crew members include Paizley Johnson, Hailee Bond, and Garrett Tuper, among others.

"This show features rock and roll-style music, exciting battle scenes, and high-energy dance numbers," said Mekayla Fountaine, a music teacher and member of the drama club. "The students have been working hard and you definitely won't want to miss it."

Only five screens open

MASSENA — Due to a furnace malfunction, the Massena Movieplex, 116 Harte Haven Plaza, will only be running five screens for the next couple weeks while repairs are made.

Schedule until Feb. 27 includes: The Monkey (98 min) R, 6:50, 9:00, Fri, Sat, Sun 12:45, 3:00; Captain America: Brave New World (120 min) PG-13, 6:50, 9:20, Fri, Sat, Sun 12:30, 3:00; Paddington in Peru (106 min) PG, 6:50, 9:15, Fri, Sat, Sun 12:45, 3:00; Heart Eyes (97 min) R, 6:50, 9:00, Fri, Sat, Sun 12:45, 3:00; Dog Man (93 min) PG, 7:00, 9:00, Fri, Sat, Sun 1:00, 3:00; Love Hurts (83 min) R, 7:00, 9:00, Fri, Sat, Sun 1:00, 3:00

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Save time, be safer, reduce workload

Why hiring a painter is the right choice

Few home improvements can change the look of a room faster and more affordably than a painting makeover. I

In fact, homeowners often turn to paint before they make any other renovations.

Home Light, a real estate technology company, says painting a home's interior can net a return on investment as high as 107 percent.

Although painting is a project that can be tackled by do-it-yourselfers, there are various advantages to calling in a professional to handle painting projects. Here is a look at some of the benefits to working with a professional painter.

Cut down on the job time

A professional painter can reduce the project timeline. Painters have the skill set and experience to complete a project in a timely manner.

This means the job will be streamlined from preparation to clean-up.

Pay attention to details

Professional painters are likely to do a job that is nearly flawless, especially after homeowners exercise their due diligence and vet

Home interior trends on the rise

Home trends typically benefit from a longer shelf life than viral videos and other fads that originate on the internet, and that's something renovation-minded homeowners should consider when improving their homes. Homeowners preparing to do just that can consider these notable trends, which the online renovation experts at Houzz suggest will be particularly popular in the year ahead.

Rounded furnishings: Houzz noted that gentle curves and rounded edges embody the organic modern styles that many current homeowners love. Rounded dining tables and similarly circular coffee tables may merit consideration among homeowners who want to embrace popular trends.

Arches: Houzz cites arches among the more popular modern trends, and the experts at Better Homes & Gardens note this unique, eye-catching style has been gaining popularity for several years. Better Homes & Gardens suggests that part of the appeal of arched doorways could be their deviation from a more traditional door shape. That uniqueness draws the attention of residents and visitors alike, and Houzz notes that arched windows, cabinets and even millwork details are part of the pivot toward arches.

Wood for warmth: Homeowners who hear "wood and warmth" might think fireplaces, but Houzz reports that wood elements are being incorporated into interior designs as a means to giving homes a more cozy vibe. Ceiling beams, trim, wall paneling, and cabinetry are utilizing wood to add warmth to a home.

painters carefully. Professionals will pay attention to the small details that less experienced painters wouldn't think about.

Reduce your workload

Painting can be a time-consuming job, and most of it occurs even before you pick up a brush. It can take hours to prep walls, patch holes, remove moldings, and apply painter's tape.

Homeowners who do not have much time are better off leaving trusting the project to a professional.

Painters already have equipment

Do-it-yourselfers may need to buy new tools before beginning the job. This means brushes, rollers, tape, tarps, trays, and much more. Unless you plan to paint multiple times, this can make stocking up a considerable investment. Professionals already have all the right gear and tools of the trade.

Lasting results

Professional painters understand which products will produce the desired results, depending on the wear and tear of the space. Paints are not all created equal, and certain walls, floors and trim may require unique priming and preparation that novices are not familiar with.

Professional painters can help ensure durability and save homeowners from having to do the job again in a few months or years.

A safer experience

Painting can be a challenging job when it involves painting hard-to-reach spaces and/or climbing and balancing on tall ladders. Homeowners are not at risk of injury when hiring a professional painter. In addition, professional painters should be licensed and insured. This means if an injury or incident occurs, the homeowner will not be on the hook for the cost.



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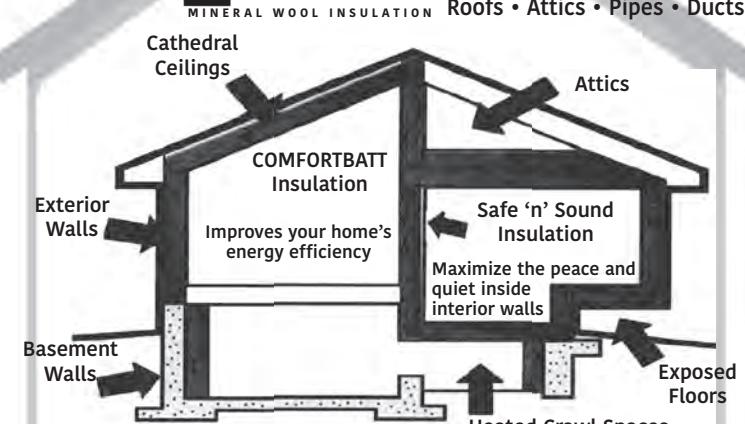
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Many things to consider before turning attic into livable space

Homeowners who would like to convert attics into livable spaces need to take certain things into consideration before starting an improvement project. While the attic may seem like it has plenty of room and is structurally sound enough to walk in, that's not necessarily so. To be converted into

usable living space, an attic must be brought up to the standards of modern building codes, according to the design experts at Board & Vellum. Retrofitting beams and insulation can eat up available space in an attic. Thus, it is best to consult an expert to see if an attic can be converted.

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Furthermore, an attic that was not initially designed as a room when the house was built can add extra "load" upstairs if it is converted. That could present certain structural problems.

In order to have a functional attic room, building codes will dictate that it needs to be accessible by a full-size staircase. Also, it will need to have another exit in case of an emergency so that will likely be an accessible window, according to

the home information site The Fill. Homeowners' budgets and renovation plans will need to factor into these considerations. Homeowners also are advised to check local permits to determine what else may be required to go forward. It is best to follow the rules. Lack of a permit for work can affect the ability to sell a home down the line.

Individuals also should plan for heating and cooling upgrades as the home will need to have ductwork

installed in the attic, or at the least, a stand-alone heating and cooling unit. As heat rises, it can get quite warm in an attic, so ventilation and comfort should be considered. The attic will need to be wired for electricity for lighting and other needs. Air sealing and additional insulation can make the attic space more comfortable as well. Consult with a qualified electrician and an HVAC technician and have an energy audit done to discuss needs.

Renovations that can help sell homes

The adage "there's a lid for every pot" suggests that, even in relation to the real estate market, there's bound to be a buyer for every home on the market. Price is a significant variable in the minds of potential buyers, but there are additional factors that can affect the impression people get of a given home. Putting a home on the market can be stressful, but these renovations may help it sell fast.

A fresh coat of paint: Although painting is relatively inexpensive and a job that some do-it-yourselfers can tackle, it's not a task relished by many. Painting is messy, it takes time, and requires moving furniture. In fact, prepping a room for painting often is the toughest component of any painting job. But fresh coats of paint can create a strong first impression. Choose a neutral color and get painting.

- Minor bathroom remodel: Remove dated wall coverings, replace fixtures, consider re-glazing or replacing an old tub, and swap old shower doors for fast fixes in a bathroom. If there's more room in the budget, replacing a tub, tile surround, floor, toilet, sink, vanity, and fixtures can cost roughly \$10,500, says HGTV. You'll recoup an average of \$10,700 at resale, making a minor bathroom remodel a potentially worthy investment.

- Redone kitchen: The kitchen tends to be the hub of a home. This room gets the most usage and attention of any space, and it's a great place to focus your remodeling attention. The National Association of the Remodeling Industry estimates that homeowners can recover up to 52 percent of the cost of a kitchen upgrade upon selling a home. Buyers

want a functional and updated kitchen. Trending features include drawer-style microwaves and dishwashers, commercial ranges, hidden outlets, and even wine refrigerators.

- Updated heating and cooling system: Better Homes and Gardens reports that homeowners may be able to recoup 85% of the cost of new HVAC systems when they sell their homes. Heating, cooling and ventilation components are vital to maintain. You don't want buyers to be taken aback by an older system, and many millennial buyers are not willing to overlook old systems.

- Fresh landscaping: Often buyers will equate a home that features an impressive exterior with upkeep inside as well. The American Nursery Landscape Association says the average homeowner may spend \$3,500 for landscaping.

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HEUVELTON -- Clarkson University's Occupational Therapy Department is stepping up locally to help support children's mental health.

The Occupational Therapy Department will be hosting a mental health awareness presentation aimed at providing support to children on Tuesday, March 4 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Heuvelton Central School Auditorium.

Parents, caregivers, teachers and paraprofessionals from any school district in St. Lawrence County are invited to attend the presentation.

Children over the age of 13 are welcome to attend

with an adult caregiver.

Clarkson University Clinical Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy Ashleigh Graveline and Occupational Therapy Student Kaylee Wood will share information on common mental health diagnoses in children, and how these conditions might present in younger populations. Additionally, they will address suicide awareness and prevention, providing valuable resources and guidance on how to seek help.

Those interested in the event can register here. Those with questions may reach out to Graveline at agraveli@clarkson.edu.

New Alpha class in Massena offered March 25

MASSENA - A new Alpha session begins in Massena March 25.

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

It's open to anyone who is searching for meaning and asking the big questions in life. It is non-denominational and free of charge, however-

er registration is requested, either prior to or at the first session.

Developed as a short course in England, it was found that many people outside of the church wanted to explore the Christian faith. Alpha now often runs in churches, bars, coffee shops and homes all around the globe.

The series runs on Tuesday eve-

nings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. starting March 25 at St. Mary's Social Hall, 7 Sycamore St.

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- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Where is Barack Obama's presidential library located?
- GEOGRAPHY: What river forms part of the border between the United States and Mexico?
- ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system has the strongest gravitational field?
- U.S. STATES: Which four states intersect at the Four Corners monument?
- SCIENCE: What is anemophily?
- MOVIES: How much does an Oscar award trophy weigh?
- WEATHER: What is a haboob?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many millimeters are in a meter?

Sudoku

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

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Start Date: ASAP

Application Deadline: Immediately Until Filled
Location: Salmon River Central School

Full job descriptions and applications can be found at www.srk12.org/employment/

Queries directed to/ Submit a completed application to:

**Angela Robert-Assistant Superintendent
Salmon River Central School
Fort Covington, NY 12937
518-358-6669**

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Healthcare Compliance Officer: Under the direction of the Director the Healthcare Internal Auditor will be responsible, reviewing and evaluating a healthcare organization's internal processes, financial records, and compliance with regulations to identify potential risks, inefficiencies, and areas

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Facilities Operations Department

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for improvement, ensuring the integrity of financial data and patient care quality while adhering to healthcare laws and standards; key duties include conducting audits of patient charts and billing, medical coding, clinical documentation, revenue cycle management, and compliance with HIPAA regulations, analyzing data to identify trends and issues, and recommending corrective actions to management. Status: Full-Time, Non-exempt Salary: \$24.22 - \$41.44 Deadline: March 12, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

Clinical Director: Under the direct supervision of the Administration of the Health Services, the Clinical Director will direct, supervise and coordinate all aspects of the program – philosophy, therapeutic treatment, education and prevention activities within the Health Services Alcoholism/Chemical Dependency Program. Status: Exempt, Full-time, Permanent Salary: \$33,820.80 - \$119,704.00 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

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, or be willing to become certified, and possess a valid NYS Driver's license and dependable personal vehicle. Travel throughout St Lawrence County is required. Salary \$17-\$19/hour. Applications are available at hospiceslv.org or by calling Hospice at 315-265-3105.

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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

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Position Summary: Under the direction of the Director of Facilities, provides oversight, quality control and consultancy to the office of facilities concerning the day-to-day custodial services and grounds services on campus. Work with the Property Lease Management Committee to manage Clarkson's rental property portfolio, including optimizing occupancy, ensuring properties are maintained and rent is collected, negotiating lease agreements, etc. The property portfolio includes the JR Westin Building, The Quarry, Old Main, Lewis House, and others. Ensures a clean and safe environment for students and staff and compliance with applicable college policies, standards and regulatory agency codes. Coordinates immediate Facilities Management Services (custodial) and campus response to issues or events affecting campus operations.

Minimum qualifications: Associates degree or work experience equivalent. Minimum of five years of experience in an Educational Facilities Supervisory role.

Range: \$78,000- \$90,000 based on experience

Financial Aid Coordinator (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary: The Financial Aid Coordinator provides financial aid support for undergraduate students by providing information, advice and counsel to students, parents and staff regarding financial aid regulations and programs, including how aid impacts invoices. The position oversees the financial aid packaging for special groups, administers restricted scholarships, administers the federal work-study program, and manages eligibility assessments for special circumstances and is responsible for the overall management of the financial aid section of the website.

Minimum qualifications:

Bachelor's Degree in business, accounting, finance, or related field. 2 years of experience in financial aid or related field

Range: \$21.00- \$23.00 based on experience

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Classroom Aide: Potsdam (1) Center: Person must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. BOCES Certificate of Early Childhood, CDA, or substantial experience in early childhood daycare preferred. The salary is \$16.76 per hour.

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Chief Clerk, Constituent Records

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

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

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

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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 porta potties, picking up and delivering toilets. For more information call 315 393 6152. EOE

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

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS - CPH Guild Gift Shop Sales Associates Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (four hour shifts). Two shift commitment per month. 20% Gift Shop Discount Perk. Contact: Sue Dougherty - 315 - 262 - 4387 or doughertysd209@gmail.com

The St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging is hiring NUTRITION SERVICES AIDES to work at Nutrition Centers in SLC, preparing and delivering meals to older adults. Hourly rate is \$19.86 per hour. The hours are Monday - Friday; 6:30 am - 12:30 pm or 7:00 am - 1:00 pm. Full Health Insurance Benefits and NYS Retirement are available; as well as paid holidays. A full job description and application can be found on the County's website: <https://stlaw-portal.mycivilservice.com/> or by calling the Human Resources Department at (315) 379-2210. AA/EEO

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The Town of Morristown is accepting applications for a Part-time Employee to work May through September, Wednesday – Saturday, 24 hours per week. The job duties include maintaining the Bay Side Park and assisting with tasks throughout the hamlet. Applicants must be self-motivated and able to work independently. A driver's license is preferred but not required. The rate of pay being offered is \$20.00 per hour. Additional information can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office at 604 Main Street, Morristown, NY 13664 or by calling 315-375-6510. All applications must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office by 4:00

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- Current NYS license and registration
- Bachelor's degree in nursing
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Canton Central School SCHOOL YEAR 2025-26

• Athletic Director/ Physical Education Teacher

• Registered Nurse,
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• 7-12 Spanish Teacher

IMMEDIATE HIRE

• Long Term High School Math substitute teacher

Position begins Mid-April 2025 until the end of the school year

Applications can be found at

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Please include a cover letter, resume, transcripts, copies of certifications/licensures, and three letters of reference with your application. Applications are due by 4:00 PM Friday, March 7, 2025.

The appropriate NYS Certification is required for all positions.

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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**

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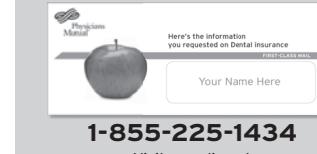
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 - Dental Assistant
 - Dental Hygienist
 - Dentist 1 or 2
 - Dietitian 2 (Part Time)
 - Licensed Practical Nurse
- Mental Health Therapy Aide (Adult, Children)
- Maintenance Supervisor 1, Motor Equipment
- Maintenance Supervisor 2
- Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatry (Ogdensburg, Massena)
 - Office Assistant 2 (Keyboard, Ogdensburg)
- Office Assistant 2 (Keyboard, Ogdensburg Outpatient)
 - Outpatient Licensed Master Social Worker (Ogdensburg, Massena)
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Massena Central School District



Notice of Instructional Vacancies 2025-2026 School Year

Special Education Vacancies

DTT Special Education Teacher – Jefferson
Special Education Teacher – Madison
Integrated Pre-K Teacher – Madison
Special Education Teacher – High School

Elementary School Vacancies

Elementary Teacher Grade 5 – Madison
Kindergarten Teacher – Madison
Math AIS Teaching Assistant – Madison
Reading AIS Teacher – Nightengale
Elementary Music Teacher – Jefferson

Junior High Vacancies

Reading Teacher

High School Vacancies

Social Studies • Science (Chemistry)

Grade Level Leader Vacancies

Kindergarten

Department Chair Vacancies

9-12 Science Department Chair – High School
9-12 Social Studies Department Chair – High School

CLOSING DATE: MARCH 7, 2025

Please submit application materials to:

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For all inquiries, please contact:

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EOE

pm on Wednesday, March 31, 2025. Applications can be found on the Town's website: www.townofmorristownny.org.

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Clinical Director: Under the direct supervision of the Administration of the Health Services, the Clinical Director will direct, supervise and coordinate all aspects of the program – philosophy, therapeutic treatment, education and prevention activities within the Health Services Alcoholism/Chemical Dependency Program. Status: Exempt, Full-time, Permanent Salary: \$33,820.80 - \$119,704.00 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

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, or be willing to become certified, and possess a valid NYS Driver's license and dependable personal vehicle. Travel throughout St Lawrence County is required. Salary \$17-\$19/hour. Applications are available at hospiceslv.org or by calling Hospice at 315-265-3105.

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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

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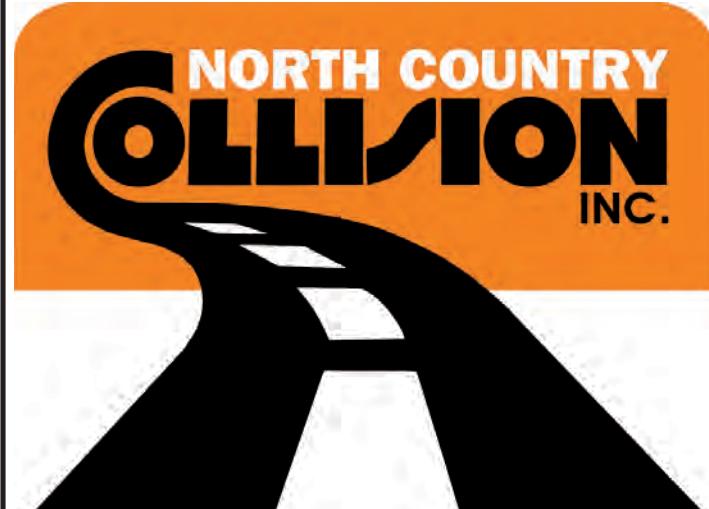
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