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Townwide revaluation in works for Canton

BY JOSH DAVIS

North Country This Week

CANTON—All properties in the town and village of Canton will receive a new property tax valuation this year.

The property value reassessment will take effect for the 2026 tax roll.

Town and village officials have tasked Williamsville-based assessment firm GAR appraisal with the project. The town of Potsdam recently hired the same firm to reassess its tax rolls.

The service will cost \$180,000 in total, \$60,000 of which will be paid by the village.

Officials say that GAR plans to publish an informational packet and video to Canton's website that will assist taxpayers in understanding the revaluation process.

The information is not yet live, but will be posted conspicuously on Canton's official municipal website, Cantonny.gov in the coming weeks.

SEE REVALUATION ON 10

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES superintendent retiring, search on pause momentarily

Board president awaiting approval from state to begin search

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

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

Roger Bennett
BOCES president

on a letter to allow them to proceed with the search.

According to Massena board Vice President Kevin Perretta, that letter will come from the state Education Department commissioner and occurs any time a district superintendent leaves any BOCES position for retirement or other purposes.

He said the state must conduct a review of the specific BOCES to decide if it needs to be dissolved, changed, merged or whether they should move forward with the vacancy. Perretta is a BOCES employee as well as a Massena School District board member.

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Practicing the slap shot

Nora Lint was one of 27 children participating in the Annual Potsdam Elks Lodge 2025 Hockey Shoot Feb. 17.

Skating, hockey club members concerned over changes at Pine Street arena

New locks installed, rec director on unpaid leave; volunteer groups in the cold

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — How the village is managing its Pine Street ice arena is under scrutiny by members of local skating clubs and the public who use the space.

Criticism was recently leveled at village officials at the Feb. 18th board of trustees meeting over the recreation department director being placed on leave, new locks being installed at the arena and other changes.

Backlash over responses by village officials to the criticisms spilled over into the comments section on the village's Facebook page, where the village mayor, deputy mayor and administrator were taken to task somewhat over the changes.

Bamby Cooper-Frank, Potsdam Figure Skating Club Vice President, raised the issues during the public comment portion of the meeting. Cooper-Frank spoke on behalf of the club and of several club parents and board members who attended the meeting.

SEE RECREATION 10



NCTW photo by Josh Davis

New sergeant in Canton

Canton Police Department has promoted patrol officer Adam Clark to sergeant, swearing him in to the new role at last Wednesday night's village board meeting. Village Mayor Michael Dalton lauded Clark for taking the leadership role, saying 'we appreciate you stepping up.' Clark's promotion will be effective March 2. Clark is pictured on left with Canton Police Chief Ryan Cole.

St. Lawrence County Legislators join the cause

Statewide correctional officer protest enters week two

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

Protests by correctional officers across the state have entered week two and St. Lawrence County legislators have joined the growing chorus of lawmakers standing behind the officers.

During the Feb. 24 Finance Committee meeting local lawmakers overwhelmingly supported a resolution in support of the protestors, passing it unanimously.

Speaking of the HALT Act, legislation which was passed in 2021 to limit segregated confinement for all incarcerated persons to 15 days, Legislator Jim Reagen said the "crisis" at hand stems directly from the legislation.

The HALT Act also implemented alternative rehabilitative measures, including the creation of Residential Rehabilitation Units (RRU), expanded the definition of segregated confinement, and eliminated the use of segregated confinement for vulnerable incarcerated populations.

The legislation has been under heavy scrutiny since being enacted, including the introduction of a hos-

tile bill by Senator Dan Stec earlier on Feb. 24. The resolution, which sought to repeal HALT was quickly struck down along a party line vote.

"Correctional officers have launched work protests because they feel endangered. Not just them, but the civilian employees as well," Reagen said.

He commented that the problems have been ongoing "the last few years" and have finally built to a crescendo.

Reagen also took a moment to chastise Governor Kathy Hochul, highlighting the need to call up the National Guard and to send additional State Police to prisons to handle the situation.

He touched on the HALT Act further, saying it "undermined the safety of employees who go behind the walls to protect us."

"They walk the most dangerous beat in New York State," Reagen said of correctional officers.

He said it was time for the legislature "to stand up for correctional officers" against the policy that he said has created unsafe working conditions for years.

"This failed social experiment brought on by activist groups and

foolish professors who have no idea of the dangers inside the walls of prisons has led to this," he said.

Legislator William Sheridan, a 25-year veteran of the correctional system, served at both Riverview Correctional Facility in Ogdensburg, as well as Gouverneur Correctional Facility.

Sheridan said he felt sorry for "the new generation of correctional officers who don't have some of the same safeguards we had."

He pointed to HALT as a primary cause for the removal of those safeguards, something that has endangered officers.

Sheridan said during his time as a correctional officer and sergeant different measures could be utilized "to keep the peace" based on the severity of repetitive acts by inmates but those measures are gone.

"Today, in addition to all of that, these violent offenders are being classified as mentally ill," he said.

Sheridan was critical of the governor's 30-day amendment that would allow her to close five more prisons in the next budget years.

The measure was called "retaliatory" by Assemblyman Scott Gray

when it was announced last Thursday.

"Closing down five more correctional facilities is not the answer," Sheridan said.

He was also critical of new policies put in place to treat current staffing levels as 100% when in fact staffing sat around 70% prior to the protests.

"The rationale is terrible and it's only a matter of time before things get worse," he said.

In his comments, Legislator Joseph Lightfoot likened Hochul to the mayor of Los Angeles, saying both failed to act in a time of crisis.

"If she (Hochul) had a son or a husband who worked in one of these prisons, I wonder if she would be more interested in looking at this issue," Lightfoot said.

He was also critical of the governor's efforts to secure over \$850 million in taxpayer funds to help finance a new stadium for the Buffalo Bills.

"They continue to overlook the underlying factors that are driving what is going on," Lightfoot said.

He said the governor appeared to be of the opinion that the Taylor Law would force officers back to work, a

sentiment he did not share.

"She's playing with the health and welfare of the officers by eliminating a source to deal with unruly prisoners in the system," he said.

Lightfoot said the current ratio of inmates to officers, which he said was 60:1, created further issues.

"You've gotta watch your back, you've gotta watch your front. How do you do both? You need more people," Lightfoot said.

Lightfoot said he believed the prison crisis, coupled with significant issues related to illegal migrant crossings and corruption claims against New York City Mayor Eric Adams are overwhelming the governor.

"For me, I think it's a little bit too much for her to handle," he said.

Legislator Daniel Fay, who signed on as a co-sponsor, said his biggest concern was to safeguard the safety of all employees in the prison system, both officers and civilians alike.

Legislators Glenn Webster and Ben Hull took moments to read letters from concerned mothers whose sons were sent into prisons locally, both saying the officers involved were attacked by inmates upon entry.

In both cases, the mothers wrote their sons were lucky to have their fellow officers to support them as "they would likely have been in the ICU or worse, ended up dead."

As for Legislator Rick Perkins, he voiced frustration with the treatment inmates received medically while senior citizens "struggle to survive."

He pointed to dental care, along with medications as a primary concern that he felt the state should also raise for seniors.

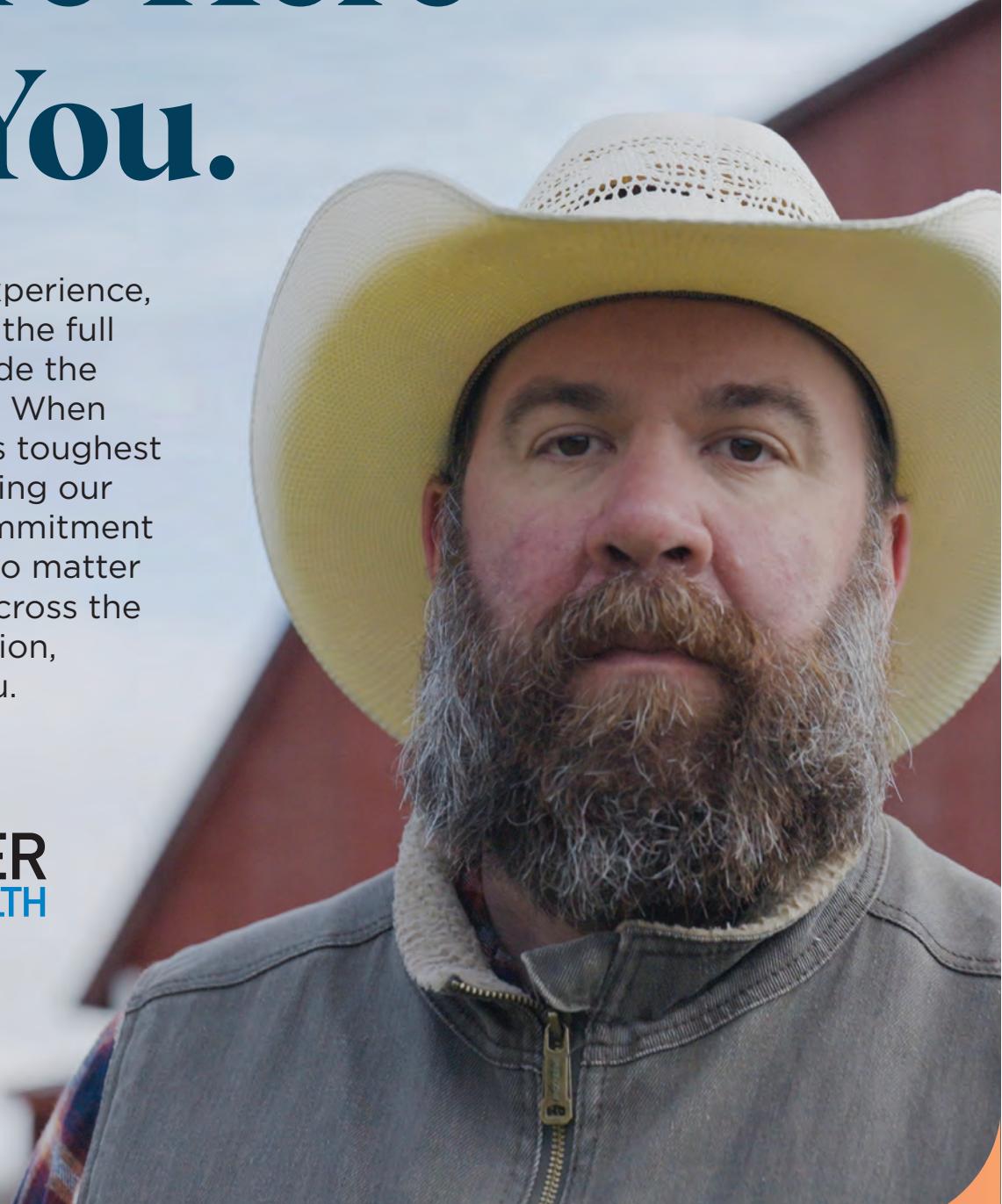
"They (inmates) are treated better than our senior citizens who struggle to survive," he said.

Perkins said the vast majority of seniors have lived "a good, legal life" and still struggle.

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Canton considers food composting sites

BY JOSH DAVIS
North Country This Week

CANTON—Residents may soon have improved access to composting facilities, with three new food scrap collection sites being considered in the village.

Canton currently has one food waste collection site at Bend in the River Park on Lincoln Street, open to the public and suitable for disposal of household food waste like coffee grounds, bones, and eggshells.

The village board has previously allocated funds to support the program, with the intention of finding grants to keep the project running in the future, in cooperation with North Country Compost, a Canton-based recycling business.

Funding for the existing food waste program has since been depleted, leading officials to consider alternative collection sites and apply for a specialized grant through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Village Trustee Kara McLuckie wrote the grant proposal to the DEC, applying for funding through a program specifically intended for the introduction or improvement

Village board okays agreements; declares Black History Month

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The village board approved a resolution declaring Black History Month, increased the village police budget to reflect an equipment sale, signed agreements with the state and village, and conducted other business recently.

The mayor and trustees approved several resolutions at their Feb. 18 meeting.

The board unanimously approved a resolution declaring February 2025 Black History Month in the Village of Potsdam. The resolution states the declaration was made with "with deep appreciation for Black citizens and neighbors, past and present, and a shared determination to reflect on

the lessons we all must learn from our history as we work to build a brighter and more inclusive future."

The board also voted to increase the Gifts and Donation police budget line by \$400, reflecting funds received from the sale of surplus police safety equipment, and to be allocated to the Equipment police budget line for expenditures within the 2024-25 fiscal year.

The board voted to authorize Mayor Alex Jacobs Wilke to sign a shared services agreement between the New York State Department of Transportation and the Village of Potsdam for a term of four years, beginning March 6, 2025, and ending March 5, 2029.

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and affix the Village seal to the contract between the

CCS getting three new buses

BY JOSH DAVIS
North Country This Week

CANTON—Despite state regulations encouraging the purchase of electric vehicles, Canton Central School plans to acquire three new diesel school buses.

A transportation proposition approved Feb. 18 by the Canton Central Board of Education includes the purchase of three school buses and one electric van to add to the district's fleet.

The purchase was approved by the school board Tuesday night, but must go to a public vote when community members cast their annual school budget vote on May 20.

Each of the three buses will cost

\$218,669, according to Canton Superintendent of Schools Susan Todd.

Todd estimated the cost of the electric van at \$100,000.

Todd said that the proposed buses have a maximum capacity of 78 passengers, making them larger than the average school bus.

State legislation rules that by 2027, all new school buses sold will be zero emission and by 2035, New York will have converted its entire school bus fleet to electric school buses.

Todd said that while the school buses do not conform to the state guidelines, the district has taken its first step toward satisfying the regulations with the purchase of the electric van.

Community members will use the containers to transport their scraps from their homes to one of the three collection sites.

The village's grant proposal estimates that the project will cost a total of roughly \$18,000 to implement in its first year, the majority of which comes from hauling fees.

North Country Compost is currently in charge of cleaning, managing pests, and hauling scraps at Canton's existing food scrap collection location. The organization was founded by Canton residents Greg Tood and Cory Vinyard. The company makes and sells compost derived from household food scraps and tracks usage of the site by weighing the collected material on a weekly basis.

Proponents of the measure suggest that Canton residents could save money by participating in the program, either by reducing the frequency of residential trash pickup service or paying less at the transfer station by bringing less food waste for disposal.

Many Canton residents use private trash collection or bring their garbage to the transfer station since the village does not provide that service.



Carol Paganini-Tebo | Submitted

Winter wonderland

A picture perfect winter sunset recently at Ives Park in Potsdam.

Brasher man charged with rape

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 in Canton court and remanded to the county jail, with \$25,000 cash bail or \$50,000 bond.

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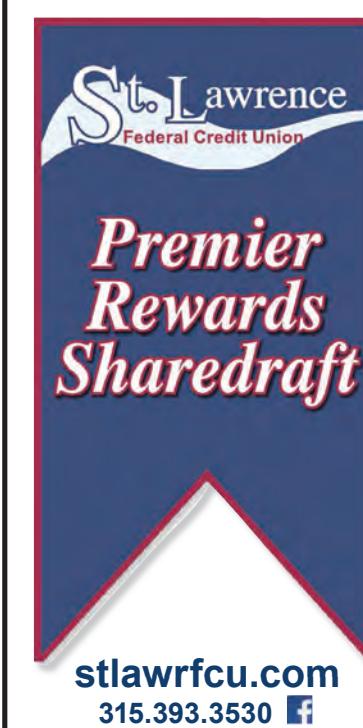
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Annual 'North Country Kids Expo' to offer day of fun, info March 8 in Canton

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



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

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- **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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Local law proposal seeks clearer snow removal rules

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Seeking more clarity as to who needs to be shoveling off the walk in front of village residents, the board of trustees is proposing a local law that would refine village code.

At their meeting Feb. 18th, the village board set a public hearing on the local law for Monday, March 17 at 5:45 p.m. in the civic center board room to receive comments from the public on the change.

The law would amend Chapter 145 Streets and Sidewalks, specifically section 5 - Keeping sidewalks clean.

The modification would still leave the responsibility of keeping snow out of the walkways in the hands of the adjacent property owners but allow the village to remove snow if it wanted in the course of its regular snow maintenance operations.

Prior to the board setting the public hearing date, during public comment one man voiced concerns over any changes to the village code.

"As of now the sidewalks are atrocious," said Potsdam sidewalk afficianado Michael Edgar. Edgar, who has often spoke out against the winter conditions of the village's walkways, again suggested the village cite those residents as code violators who are not cleaning up the sidewalks in front of their homes per village law.

"The sidewalks are in bad shape," Edgar said. He questioned what changes the village would make to the process of cleaning the walks under the proposed code amendment, and warned against the village being solely responsible for cleaning the walk.

He said it takes only minutes to shovel the walkways in front of village homes on an average snow day.

"Everybody has three minutes in a day," Edgar said. "I've got sleep

'I've got sleep apnea and I'm obese and I do my own shoveling.'

Michael Edgar
Potsdam resident

apnea and I'm obese and I do my own shoveling."

The changes to the village code regarding keeping sidewalks clean will bring Potsdam into compliance with the village's insurance coverage through New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR), Village Mayor Alexandra Jacobs Wilke said later during the meeting, responding to Edgar. The policy requires the village to be precise in the language of the village code as to who is responsible to clean snow away and maintain the sidewalks, responding to Edgar.

"So essentially it reaffirms that property owners are responsible for maintenance of the sidewalk in front of their premises," Wilke said.

The mayor added, however, that the village is allowed under the code, to assist in clearing with sidewalk plows along the village sidewalks.

"Our code was unclear on that point and it's certainly a part of our public works that we think it's a public service which is helpful," the mayor said.

"I understand your frustrations with the sidewalks, having used them myself on Sunday and was up to my thighs," the mayor said. "At the same time we are challenged with our staffing levels which is why the code is written the way that it is."

Bid awarded for Canton elementary school project

BY JOSH DAVIS
North Country This Week

CANTON — The main office at Canton's Banford Elementary will be renovated through a capital outlay project.

Canton Central School Superintendent Susan Todd said that the Board of Education awarded the bid to Northern Tier Contracting of Gouverneur on Tuesday night.

The company's winning bid came in at \$49,800.

The project will focus on reconfiguring the office space at Canton's Banford Elementary, which Todd

said would primarily consist of changes to the office's cabinets and desks.

Northern Tier was the only company to submit a bid for the project.

Todd noted that school districts can request projects like the office renovation each year, provided that estimated costs do not exceed \$100,000.

Northern Tier has previously completed large-scale school construction projects with Edwards-Knox Central's Excel Project, renovations to SUNY Canton's dining hall, and Clarkson University's Educational Resource Center.

\$20,000 donation to museum

POTSDAM — The North Country Children's Museum has received a \$20,000 donation from Lavalle Transportation, Inc. to support the ongoing fabrication of new exhibits.

Company President Randy LaValley presented the donation to Museum Executive Director Sharon Vegh Williams, helping bring the museum one step closer to completing its exciting expansion.

The exhibits, currently being built by Ravenswood Studio in Chicago, will be shipped and installed on the newly renovated second floor of the museum, enhancing hands-

on learning opportunities for children and families across the region.

"We could not build this important community resource for kids and families without this generosity," Williams said. We're so grateful to Randy LaValley and Lavalle Transportation for investing in North Country families."

The museum has 95% of the way toward its \$3.75 million fundraising goal. More info: <https://northcountrychildrensmuseum.org/expansion/>.

The museum aims to open its expanded space this summer.



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Longing for winter to be over

This quartet stood and posed for a group photo in Potsdam in what may be their new album cover.

Canton Central's Ryan Mitchell named Ambassador of the Year

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON — A student at Canton Central School was recognized recently by state leaders for his efforts to fight the tactics of the tobacco industry.

Ryan Mitchell, who is a member of the Seaway Valley Prevention Council's Reality Check, was presented a proclamation signed by Assemblyman Scott Gray and Senator Daniel Stec during a visit to the Capitol Building in Albany.

Travis Jordan, Reality Check coordinator, said six Reality Check youth made the trip and met with Senator Mark Walczak, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush and Gray.

Mitchell was also recognized for winning the Central Region Youth Ambassador of the Year Award for

2024.

"Ryan has been a quiet, unequivocal leader for our program and has demonstrated time and time again he isn't scared of a challenge," Jordan stated. "Anytime we needed a youth to complete or facilitate an activity for us, Ryan stepped up without hesitation. I am extremely confident Ryan will become a true ambassador for Reality Check and the entire Tobacco Control Program."

Reality Check is a movement led by 13-18 year olds from across New York State. Its mission is to reveal the tobacco industry's manipulative advertisement tactics. Despite a 1988 Master's Settlement Agreement, Big Tobacco continues to target teens as its replacement smokers and it's time to change that. The tobacco industry spends over \$1.1 million everyday marketing their products in New York

State alone; a lot of which goes into creating a new set of customers from the youth of our communities.

The program organizers note that Reality Check is not anti-smoker. Reality Check works to educate teens, the community, and legislature about Big Tobacco and their attempts to target teens, their website reports.

Reality Check's established goals include increase youth knowledge and involvement about the fight against Big Tobacco, involve and educate the community about the marketing ploys Big Tobacco is using to reach youth in our community, have media coverage remove tobacco promotion seen by youth, have tobacco imagery removed from all movies rated G, PG, and PG-13, and reduce or remove tobacco advertisement in retail locations, especially those frequented by youth.

Community Foundation funding coming to SLC

Non-profits in Massena, Canton and Norfolk are to receive grant funding from the LEAD Council of the Northern New York Community Foundation to help reduce food insecurity in the North Country.

Salvation Army of Massena will receive \$3,000 to help launch a new commercial kitchen at its Victory Road facility. The organization is experiencing growth and serving more clients, while also seeing an increase in food pantry and soup kitchen supply costs. The new kitchen will allow the organization to thoughtfully expand and offer

new, targeted programming. Grant funding will be allocated to purchase remaining kitchen supplies.

GardenShare will receive \$2,000 to strengthen food security for St. Lawrence County residents and promote a local food system. GardenShare connects consumers and producers, supports equitable distribution of food resources, and removes barriers to access in St. Lawrence County. The organization's Bonus Bucks program serves as a valuable resource for this population by making fresh food and produce available at local farmer's markets at

a reduced rate.

Norfolk-Raymondville Food Pantry is slated to receive \$2,000 to give the pantry a critical boost to secure more food through the Food Bank of Central New York. The food pantry provides direct support to residents in Norfolk, Raymondville, Norwood and adjacent communities where many residents experience severe transportation challenges and food insecurity. While the pantry has operated for more than 40 years out of the United Methodist Church of Norfolk, resources are limited, and the need continues to rise.

Registration open now for SUNY Canton summer day camps for children

CANTON — SUNY Canton will host educational summer day camps for students in various grade levels and areas of interest.

Each camp runs Monday to Friday (8 a.m.-4 p.m.) for one week. Campers should bring a water bottle, nut-free lunch, and snack. A fee-based lunch, drink, and snack can be purchased during registration.

The cost is \$250 per week, with discounts for multiple camps or campers. The STEM and RC Car/Aero STEM camps are reduced to \$50 per student, thanks to a partnership with the Adirondack North Country Association and a NYSERDA grant. Multiple discounts are not available for these camps. Registration is open at <https://www.canton.edu/wcip/summer/>.

canton.edu/wcip/summer/.

For 1st to 5th graders: • Tiny Scientists, July 7-11: Exploring the human body, plants, animals, mixed media, geocaching, and DNA with hands-on experiments. • Coding and Technology Camp, July 14-18: Hands-on coding activities to explore technology and develop tech skills. • Music Theater Camp, July 21-25: A week of creative music theater exploration. • STEM Camp, July 28-Aug. 1: Activities like building foam gliders, rockets, and catapults in aerodynamics and rocketry. • Art Camp, Aug. 4-8: Creative activities like drawing, painting, and collaging. • Explorers, Aug. 11-15: Activities exploring art, music, science, and more to build motor skills, teamwork, and creativity.

For 6th to 9th graders: • RC Car and Aero STEM Camp, July 7-11: Explore remote-control hobbies and aeronautical engineering. • Drones Camp, July 14-18: Learn how to operate and maintain drones. • Coding and Technology Camp, July 21-25: Coding activities to develop valuable tech skills. • Video Game Concept Art Camp, July 28-Aug. 1: Use digital tools to create video game art. • Young Einsteins, Aug. 4-8: Hands-on science activities exploring the human body, plants, animals, and more. • First Responder Camp, Aug. 11-15: Learn basic first aid and CPR through interactive scenarios.

For more information, email wcip@canton.edu or call (315) 386-7504.

Pyrites hydro site to be redeveloped for recreation

BY JOSH DAVIS

North Country This Week

CANTON—Pyrites Hydro will develop land adjacent to its Grasse River power project for public recreation use, following nearly a decade of encouragement from town officials.

The 8.2 megawatt Pyrites power project is located on the Grasse River southwest of Canton and has been in operation since 1983. The adjacent land has been used for some form of recreation for decades and was once the site of a beach.

A boat launch for non-motorized craft was installed in 2014, but has fallen into disrepair in recent years due to perennial flooding issues and erosion.

The boat launch and the surrounding land are slated to be redeveloped as a condition of the hydroelectric company's continued use of the site.

Dams like the one found at the Pyrites site must be relicensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission every 40 years, and town officials advocated that redevelopment of the site for public benefit be a condition of its relicensing.

Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley said that Canton has been advo-

cating since at least 2019 to encourage the power company to make a payment or perform a service that would benefit the community.

Ashley noted that Pyrites Hydro had previously made payments to support youth programs in the hamlet of Pyrites, but made no further arrangements to do so when the youth recreation commission in charge of the programs dissolved.

"We wanted to get some benefit out of it," she said, noting that the town hired a Washington D.C. law firm to help navigate the federal regulatory framework that sanctions the power company's operation in Canton.

The power company must devise a recreational management plan to complete the work within two years, and will work with the Town of Canton and other stakeholders to create a schedule for completing the construction and installation of the new recreation facilities within that time frame.

Pyrites Hydro will also be responsible for identifying who will be responsible for maintenance of the facilities.

As part of the plan, Pyrites Hydro will develop and maintain a new impoundment access site on the east shoreline of the impoundment

and install a new gravel parking area that will accommodate up to four vehicles.

The company will also clear new trails to the shoreline and install a new boat launch approximately 400 feet upstream of the intake dam.

Ashley described the Pyrites riverside site as "a really cool place," and said she was satisfied knowing that residents will have recreation opportunities there once again.

The town supervisor said she was particularly excited that the company would be taking responsibility for the boat launch area, noting that the town lacks the resources necessary to attend to it.

Ashley lauded the current and former board members for their participation in the project, and specifically thanked the law firm of Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer, and Pembroke, which provided assistance with navigating the federal guidelines governing the project.

"We're very grateful," she said, adding that "accomplishing this was huge."

Town officials will work with and advise Pyrites Hydro in creating the recreational management plan.

The company has two years from the time of its licensing to devise the plan.

24/7 crisis line open in St. Lawrence County

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

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

"Ensuring that St. Lawrence County residents have continuous access to high-quality crisis care is a top priority for the Community

Services Board," said Jay Ulrich, Director of the County's Community Services.

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

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

Every caller, depending on their needs, will have access to mental health and addiction treatment professionals. Each situation will be carefully evaluated with a safety plan for the initial crisis developed in real time depending on the needs of the individual.

After the initial call, follow up

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

To access services in person, St. Lawrence County residents can visit Ogdensburg Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center at 1003 Park Street, Ogdensburg any time, and the integrated outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic at 16 Phillips Street, Massena, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. No appointment needed.

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Snowy trip to Mass

Sunday's snowstorm did not deter people from attending Mass at St. Mary's Church in Canton. Pictured with Rev. Bryan Stitt are Macie Cunningham and Jason Darminio who made good use of their skis.

Former Boy Scout leader suing SLC loses appeal

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.

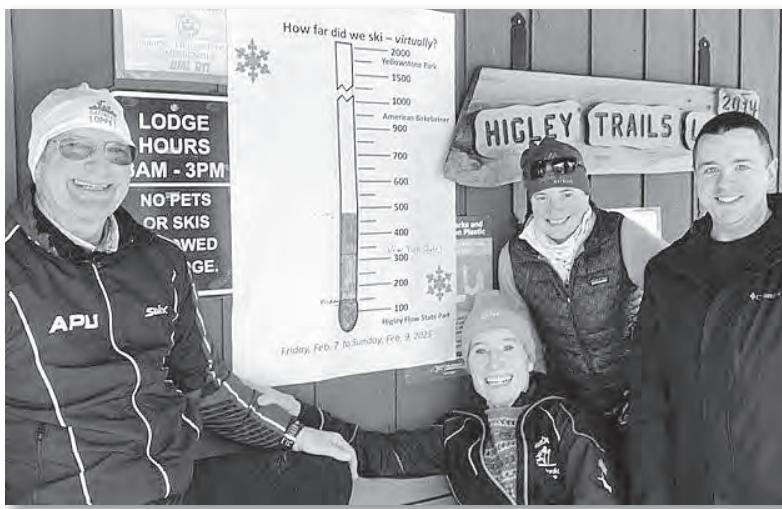
The punishment issued in 2016 was then held up on an appeal,

BRIEFLY

Fort Tribute support

MADRID — Massena Transport President Michael Zakarauskas and Vice President Gary Thompson made a generous donation of \$500 (Regiment Level) to Fort Tribute's Garrison. These funds will assist in providing support of events, such as

the Civil War weekend and the U.S. Military Timeline. Massena Transport has supported the Fort for a number of years. Fort Tribute is a Civil-War era historical interpretive center located on the grounds of the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum in Madrid.



Eleanor Menz | Submitted

Covering ground in Colton

A total of 180 athletes braved a nordic ski challenge at Higley Flow State Park in Colton, covering a total cumulative distance of 825 miles over three days.

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 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.

'I have not seen any of the employees that I work around get a 256% raise.'

Rita Curran
SLC Legislator

"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.

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

Canton revises veteran banner program

BY JOSH DAVIS

North Country This Week

CANTON — With over 100 submissions received, the village board is discussing guidelines for its proposed hometown veterans banner program.

The village of Canton has been in discussion with Edward C. Seymour Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1231 in Canton to launch a program that commemorates local veterans by displaying their names and portraits on banners affixed to light posts, but encountered difficulty when more submissions were received than initially expected.

"It was overwhelming," Village Mayor Michael Dalton said, noting the village has now received roughly 100 submissions to consider.

He noted that he initially received

less than 40 applications for the program, which he described as "manageable."

Dalton asserted the difficulty in needing to be selective with submissions, saying he has to "ask some hard questions."

"There's been a lot of interest," Dalton said, also noting the village has drawn some ire over the logistical choice to limit the number of banners displayed.

Deputy Mayor Anna Sorenson added that honoring all of the requests immediately would require the village to designate 100 light poles for the project.

Dalton suggested that 35 banners would be an appropriate number to display, noting that the banners could be swapped to honor a different group of veterans on a seasonal basis.

He said that the City of Ogdensburg has successfully implemented a similar program by designating a limited number of banners and their locations.

Mayor Dalton noted that the banners would be up from Memorial Day through Veterans' Day, then taken down during the winter months.

Though the board has not yet voted to purchase the materials for the program, Dalton said that he has seen the banners priced between \$100 and \$185 depending on the hardware included. The applicant will be responsible for the cost of the banner.

Once purchased, village DPW crews would install the banners.

The board took no official action on the matter.

Two St. Lawrence County residents airlifted to Vermont Medical Center after crash

OSWEGATCHIE — Two St. Lawrence County residents were seriously 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 35-year-old Airaca J.

Gagnon of Ogdensburg, police said.

Both drivers sustained significant injuries and were airlifted to the University of Vermont Medical Center for further treatment and evaluation, troopers said.

State police were assisted at the scene by Heuvelton Fire and Rescue, Ogdensburg Fire and Rescue, Lisbon Rescue, Morristown Rescue, St. Lawrence County Car 9, and the New York State Department of Transportation.

The investigation into the cause of the crash is ongoing, police said.

Canal secondary water source complete

CANTON — Construction work is complete on Canton's backup water supply.

Local officials designated a secondary water source as a priority for 2024, and began construction work on the project last spring.

Village Mayor Michael Dalton announced Wednesday that work has wrapped on the project, which will protect the community in the

event there is a problem with the primary water supply.

"We're hoping it will be up and running soon," Dalton said.

The final pieces of equipment for the project arrived in January, and were installed at a St. Lawrence University-owned property behind 80 Main Street.

Canton's primary water source is located on Waterman Hill between

SUNY Potsdam free application weekend

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

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

"We are excited to offer another great opportunity to prospective students," said Director of Admissions Terry Francis '97 & '00. "SUNY Potsdam is a transformative place where students can discover their passions and define their future. We are always seeking ways

to remove barriers and open doors for students. Our Admissions team, along with the entire campus, are here to help students write the next chapter in their story."

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

The Free Application Week builds on SUNY Potsdam's emphasis on holistic admissions and access. SUNY Potsdam was proud to be the

first campus in the SUNY System to move to test-optional admissions in 2010, shifting to an admissions process that focuses on applicants' track records in high school and/or college, rather than standardized test scores.

For anyone who is still curious about the campus, 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/visit.

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

Canal man accused of fighting child

CANTON — A Canton man was arrested Feb. 19 following an alleged physical altercation with a child.

Todd D. Stiles, 46, of Canton, was charged with one count each of criminal obstruction of breathing and endangering the welfare of a child, both A misdemeanors, according to state police.

Troopers report that they responded to County Route 27 to

investigate a physical domestic dispute at about 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Police say that Stiles was found to be involved in a verbal argument with the victim, which escalated to physical violence.

Stiles reportedly wrapped his hands around the child's throat, applying pressure, and then threw the child off a stool while still holding the victim's neck.

The victim was able to escape

BRIEFLY

Clarkson summer courses

POTSDAM — Clarkson University is offering a special summer tuition rate to help undergraduate students stay on track with their

academic and career goals. This discount is available to Clarkson students and eligible undergraduates from other institutions, with both on-campus and online course options. This summer, tuition will

be reduced by about two-thirds, bringing the cost to \$665 per credit hour (normally \$5,979 for a three-credit course). More information on course offerings and session dates is available online.

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Speak softly and carry a sharp quill

BY PAUL HETZLER

One of our more unusual native residents has an adorable face, makes welcome mats out of their own poop, openly carries weapons, and plows snow all winter. If you snowshoe or ski in the backcountry, you'll likely come across its furrows. Often, these trails will dead-end at a large tree, and if you look up, you might actually see the rascal itself, a ball of fur and quills sleeping among the branches.

One of 29 species worldwide, the North American porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*) is found throughout the Northeast, the Great Lakes region, and the western states south to Mexico, as well as in nearly all of Canada. Growing to 50 centimetres long and weighing as much as 15 kg, it's the second-largest North American rodent behind the beaver. It's the only cold-hardy porcupine in the world, and one of the few that regularly climb trees.

Their name derives from the Latin for "quill pig," but the Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawks) call them anéntaks, literally, "bark eaters." Reportedly, this is a less-than-endearing term they applied ages ago to their Algonquin neighbors, with whom

they once shared hunting grounds in what is now northern New York State.

The Kanien'kehá:ka, like all six member nations in the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy, have a long history as agronomists. The Algonquins, who were mainly hunter-gatherers at the time, wisely knew that the inner bark of pine, maple, elm and other trees is nutritious (and delicious in the spring, as I know from experience). This is in fact how the Adirondack (anéntaks) Mountains got their name.

These rodents of unusual size (not to be confused with the ROUS in The Princess Bride film) are active all winter, which is a great time to track them. More or less bullet-shaped, they make effective plows, and after a new snowfall, you can see which troughs have been recently cleared. Though not strictly nocturnal, porkies do tend to be more active at night.

Like me and a few others, porcupines talk to themselves (check out Bill Staines' folk song "All God's Critters"). For the most part, they "speak" softly - they don't screech the way raccoons sometimes do. If you like to camp, you may have heard one of these animals "mut-

tering" as it passed near your tent in the dark. Vocalizations range from grunts and mewls to low whines, and even what sounds like the caw of a bird.

A porcupine's feet are pebbly textured and furless, and in deep snow you can also see marks where the tail drags side to side as it waddles. In cases where the claws don't register, its footprint can look strangely like that of a small child. Because porcupine fur includes roughly 30,000 (give or take) hollow quills that collectively act like a personal flotation device, they swim well, and dine on all sorts of aquatic vegetation in season.

Their quills, which are really modified hairs, also account for the porky's ho-hum attitude toward scary stuff like humans, dogs and, unfortunately, cars. Quills, of course, aren't missiles, and can't be launched at predators. But they do come off at the literal drop of a hat, provided you drop said hat on a porcupine. A quill's barbed end sticks amazingly well to skin and other things, and if not removed right away, can work its way through soft tissues like muscles and organs.

Quills are used the world over by

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maybe decades ago there was a pickle-brine spill right there.

In addition to eating bark of all kinds, they have a particular weakness for apples. It's impressive how far out on a branch a porcupine will go to get one, seeming to defy gravity. Unfortunately, this resulted in some of my apple trees getting pruned a bit more than I would have liked over the years.

Porkies usually den in rock crevices, caves, and sometimes in hollow trees, the entrance often carpeted in a deep layer of crap that gets pushed out into an alluvial formation. Some biologists think this is to deter predators, but it does not smell bad that I've noticed.

Breeding is in October and December. In May and June, females may birth up to four young, but typically just one. Not only do porcupines have a low birth rate, it takes more than two years for them to fully mature. In the wild, a porcupine may live 17 or 18 years, with the oldest on record being an ancient 28 years.

Ray Fadden, a former neighbor of mine who has now gone to the spirit world, used to teach school at Akwesasne, where a pupil once handed him an orphan porcupine. He said it was easily house-trained and made a great pet, and showed me pictures of "Needles," a full-size porky, in his lap. Apparently, he tried to release it into the wild, but after a few days it found its way back home, where it bypassed my neighbor's outstretched arms and made a beeline for the litter box to hurriedly deposit several days' worth of pent-up feces.

It seemed that Needles knew how to eat in the wild, but not how to relieve itself.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Colton Town Supervisor report

To begin our report, we had our Winter Festival the weekend of February 7-9. This marks the trail system's 50th year anniversary. It was a big success with our Senator Dan Stec, a representative from Ken Blankenbush's office, Scott Gray

and trail coordinator Debbie Christy & our wonderful community. They all work very hard to make the trail system work.

This endeavor has taken way too long with too many setbacks with a few people who are against this idea. It's the same few people who, if they are happy, don't think about

the benefits for others. This trail system is a fun way for families to get out and spend time together in the cold winter months, seeing nature and scenery on various machinery for spring, summer, fall, winter, during hunting season, fishing, walking, hiking, boating and canoeing. Colton has all these things to enjoy.

Let's start working together for this system because there are many more positives than negatives for not only the Town of Colton, but for neighboring communities.

For example, look at Saranac Lake and Lake Placid's most notable trail system between these two towns on the old railroad system. Everyone who uses it together has respect for one another. Super job on their part from a supervisor who is one of the biggest proponents of the trail system. I'm very proud of what you have accomplished for all. Thank you.

I'm tired of New York City interfering with the Adirondack usage. It's a shame that so few individuals cause so many problems and delays in our development of our basic rights of our freedoms where we live and where we are trying to make a living for our families. Remember, we don't go to the cities and advise them not to build skyscrapers.

I want to continue to praise the Highway Department for the super, super job for keeping the roads and sidewalks clear and open, especially in consideration of our most recent storm this past weekend. I also want to thank the DPW for their continued hard work throughout this latest storm. Darren and I have been in touch throughout this trying time. This is the result of great teamwork to keep our citizens safe. Our town sincerely thanks you.

I would like to continue having mandatory department head meetings every Monday at 10 a.m. here in the boardroom. Your attendance is appreciated.

indigenous peoples for embroidering. Usually cream at the base, transitioning to brown or black at the tips, quills have an innate beauty, but are often dyed before being worked into leather or textiles. In North America, native peoples reportedly threw a blanket or skin over a porcupine to harvest some of its quills. I've never messed with a live specimen, but have taken quills from road-killed porkies by touching a leather glove to them. The quills took some effort to remove from leather, and I stored them in small glass jars for later use in beadwork.

Generally, quills lie flat until a predator comes on the scene, at which time a porky will raise them and keep its back to the threat. Lashing its 20- to 25-cm-long tail side to side, the porcupine tries to make a protective radius around itself. Fishers, fierce predators and one of the largest members of the weasel family, are quick enough to outflank a porcupine and kill it by attacking the head. In the winter of 2001-2002, I tracked a pair of fishers across a frozen pond to some rock ledges where I knew porkies denned. There I found fisher and porcupine tracks in the blood-stained snow, a scene that spoke of a porky's demise. Great horned owls, coyotes, and wolves are said to hunt porcupines as well.

Having a cute face only gets you so far in life, and porcupines are despised by many folks because bark-eating harms and even kills trees.

Since porkies are attracted to salt, they'll chew on tool handles and other items used by people. One time, a porcupine found its way under my house and chewed on the subfloor beneath the kitchen. Who knows,

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Debbie Morgan | NCTW

Last week's question

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Local road crews deserve praise after storm

I wish to commend the professionalism and dedication of our local highway department road crews in opening and keeping open our roads during and after this recent epic storm.

I wish to especially commend the county and town road crews in using their heavy equipment to clear the sight lines at intersections, to make them safer for first responders who have been so busy recently as well as the general motoring public.

These skilled operators pushed the snow back fully and properly under difficult conditions without filling in people's driveways or destroying mailboxes and they deserve special kudos.

I also appreciate that they wasted no time in getting out there on the heels of the storm in tough wind and snow.

We are fortunate to have these devoted and skilled crews.

Dave Sanford
Potsdam

Rensselaer Falls man 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.

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Ron Shirtz
Rensselaer Falls

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RECREATION...

"We're here tonight because we are deeply concerned about the recent lack of transparency regarding the operations at Pine Street within the village of Potsdam," Cooper-Frank said.

"Potsdam Figure Skating Club, along with Potsdam Junior Hockey. We are significant stakeholders within that facility. We invest thousands of dollars annually in ice time. We maintain an office area there. We store important property, costumes, props, hockey equipment and we carry liability insurance for these items," she said.

The skating club VP said that since the middle of December the club has had no contact with Trey Smutz, village recreation director, Cooper-Frank said, adding that the club has since found out that Smutz was placed on administrative leave.

Village Mayor Alex Jacobs Wilke confirmed in a separate exchange with North Country This Week that Smutz had been placed on unpaid administrative leave, but declined to reveal why, citing personnel confidentiality.

During Cooper-Frank's comments at the Feb. 18 meeting, the Potsdam Figure Skating Club vice president said the club had received no official communication from the village explaining the situation, "who it involves, how it impacts those who rely on that facility."

Cooper-Frank also said the locks at the arena had been changed and the club officials and volunteers were not notified and had difficulty securing access to the rink. "We did eventually get a text, but we actually discovered it when we showed up for our ice time and couldn't get into the office," she said.

Cooper-Frank said that while the lock was changed specifically on the club's office at the rink, the broken door knob to the room was left on the door and she said it didn't "appear to be the most effective use of resources" because even though the rec workers may have keys, the door is still difficult to open because of the knob. She said that as of the Feb. 18 meeting, the club still doesn't have keys of its own to access the office or the upstairs storage space where it keeps its equipment, space it was assigned years ago. Cooper-Frank said the club was unable to access the storage area the night before the village meeting to get ready for its upcoming ice show because the staff on duty didn't have access.

"Trey, who was hired in 2017, has consistently demonstrated exceptional communication and dedication to this facility. He's answered our questions at all hours, even coming in late at night to address urgent issues," she said.

Cooper-Frank said Smutz's contributions to the facility were evident and that he has led "significant

improvements" at the facility.

"His commitment to our community has been invaluable," she said.

Cooper-Frank said given the recent circumstances she cited, the club members and parents have all been left with unanswered questions.

"It's particularly concerning that two of the trustees that were on this board, one with 15 years on the board and another with over three have recently resigned," Cooper-Frank said. "Leaving only three board members, the mayor, the deputy mayor and another trustee. All of whom have only been in these roles since December 23."

The skating club vice president said the situation on the board of trustees raised serious concerns about the direction of the village's leadership "and the decision making process affecting community resources."

She said the village has a duty to be transparent and work collaboratively with the community and the various volunteer organizations within it. Cooper-Frank said the club urges the village board to make decisions regarding Pine Street Arena with openness, clarity and accountability.

Mayor responds

At the Feb. 18 meeting after public comment, Wilke responded to Cooper-Frank's concerns about Smutz's leave.

"I think we all understand that there are times when there's an employment issue at hand and there's confidential personnel information that cannot be shared publicly for the good of that person and to protect the integrity of any investigation that may or may not be taking place," Wilke said.

The mayor said that at a future time if there were actions taken by the village board that are considered to be public information, more would be disclosed regarding the recreation director's leave.

"That being said, we are fully committed to moving forward. The changes at Pine Street Arena with regard to the locks, that is a needed security measure," the mayor said. "It was something that had been looked at years prior and never implemented and unfortunately, it was needed for a very quick implementation for security reasons and for the good and protection of the assets that the village taxpayer and ratepayers have contributed towards."

The mayor urged the club to bring issues with broken door knobs or maintenance needs to the attention of village staff so they can be addressed. Wilke said the village board members "see a bright future" for the village's recreation department. She urged stakeholders and other volunteers to nominate members to the village's Pine Street Arena redesign committee which

will be tasked to consider the future of grant funded work at the facility. Those interested can contact village economic developer David Thurlow at dthurlow@vi.potsdam.ny.us .

Wilke further addressed the recent departures of former Deputy Mayor Steve Warr and Trustee Monique Tirion from the village board, stating that she wouldn't speak for them, nor would she get into a "war of words" without them present.

"I respect them. I continue to respect them," Wilke said. "I think there is a lot of speculation out there in the community as to what is happening and I think it probably is a lot more simple than one would think."

Wilke said the board was moving forward and has a search currently ongoing to appoint two new board members to replace Warr and Tirion.

"I can tell you if your concern is openness and accountability, we are also very concerned about those topics," Wilke said, adding that on some topics, the village's hands are tied regarding disclosure of details due to confidentiality for employees. "I think we have a great team here and I'm not going to dwell on any allegations about the past," the mayor said.

Deputy mayor weighs in

Deputy Mayor Lynzie Schulte also responded to the concerns, stating that she has been involved with village recreation since she was elected to the board.

Schulte, who said she couldn't skate, said she "would love to sit down" with members of the Potsdam Figure Skating Club as the sole recreation committee member currently and discuss how things could be improved.

"You guys are there, you know, probably more than anybody else in the winter, figure skating and hockey. So what is it we need to do?" said Schulte. "One of my goals also is to make sure that we have public skating available other times than during school because maybe then I would know how to skate because my kids could go."

"So, you know, how can we look at keeping some of the things that were great and moving forward and making them better so that everybody can enjoy it and it makes sense," she said.

Schulte said club members could reach out to her or the mayor with concerns.

Village administrator

Village Administrator Isabelle Gates-Shulte said she had previously spoken to several community members regarding the staffing situation at Pine Street with the recreation director, but that as the mayor had said the matter is currently a confidential employee matter.

"We really can't discuss it, and it's really high level, and we really have to leave it at that," Gates-Shulte said. "I understand that there's a lack of transparency right now but it's not by choice and I hope everyone can eventually understand that when answers do come out and we are able to share a little bit, I think you will have an understanding."

"That being said, we are not perfect and we are a group of new leaders right now and we are trying our hardest. I hope that you will con-

sider that and I hope you will work with us because we are creatures of habit and nobody likes change, but we are changing things and they are for the better. And, it's going to come with growing pains and it's going to take time."

The administrator said the clubs are a valuable asset to the village and to the recreation program.

Gates-Shulte also addressed the new key situation.

"You guys (club members) mentioned, you know, your room that you guys, that you guys use. You don't rent out that room though, and I just want to clarify that is the property of the Village of Potsdam and I think for several years, people have assumed that their spaces are theirs, but all we are doing is managing a space that we rightfully own," Gates-Shulte said.

The administrator said the changing of the locks at the arena has been something that was in the works for two years, but said communication between the lock company and the recreation director had been "poor." Recently, the timing was good to get the new locks installed and the village opted to have them changed.

Gates-Shulte said the club would have their own key soon once they work out who would hold the keys and how that system would work.

She encouraged the club members to call her or reach out with any concerns they have.

Social media blowback

Several members of the public were not so comforted by the responses by village officials to the skating clubs concerns. Facebook comments posted under the village meeting's video post leveled criticism at village officials over their handling of the issues.

"These rooms were built by volunteers for these organizations, not built by the Village workers. It was open space until we made the improvements for PJHA and Figure skating," posted former Village Deputy Mayor Steve Warr.

"Steve Warr truth. Friends of Pine Street Arena raised money for compressors. They have no idea the volume of volunteerism that went into the arena," said Cindy Goliber, who works as the Town of Potsdam clerk.

"Cindy Roberts Goliber they are clueless but think they are going to make it great! Who's willing to volunteer???" said Kathy Fries Warr.

"Unfortunately no one is going to be willing to volunteer with comments like that stating "you don't pay rent." These statements will create a wall between the volunteers, stakeholders and the Village. The whole tone has changed and it is very discouraging. Figure skating and Junior hockey are the two main stakeholders in Pine Street arena. They have been for a very long time," posted Cara Adams, Potsdam Figure Skating Club secretary. "We should be working together and not against each other. We need to remember we have one thing in common and it's to make a great facility for our community and our youth."

"From what I gathered in these meeting minutes: these women have no idea what they are doing/talking about. They have lost every experienced, knowledgeable member and it's all about control now,"

said Amanda Felix Smutz.

"Trey Smutz has taken a Recreation program that was in complete unsafe for children to a safe fun place. I went to Pine Street playground under previous Rec Director. I would not allow my grandchildren on any swing," said Rebecca Jordan Geidel.

"I am questioning... Is there a motive for someone who would like Trey's position?" Geidel said later.

More comments can be read at <https://www.facebook.com/PotsdamVillage> under the video post of the Feb. 18th meeting.

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.

REVALUATION...

The village's technology committee is currently determining where to post the information to ensure maximum visibility.

GAR will also attend the May meeting of the town board to offer a presentation on the reassessment progress.

Canton's tax roll has not received a full reassessment in nearly two decades. Officials have estimated that the current tax roll accounts for roughly 70 percent of the true value of the town's property.

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Former St. Lawrence Centre mall cited for dozens of code violations

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The former St. Lawrence Centre Mall has been cited for dozens of code violations, prompting Code Enforcement Officer Patrick O'Brien to stop counting during a recent inspection.

O'Brien informed town board members the violations ranged from malfunctioning exit signs to issues with emergency exit doors, emergency lights, the alarm system and fire extinguishers.

"There were so many that I just wrote building-wide violations because I stopped counting it at inoperative fire doors when I got to 20," he said.

O'Brien said the owners received "building-wide violations for basically everything."

He said following the inspection the owners of the St. Lawrence Industrial Complex were put on notice, saying he issued an order to remedy "a week or two ago."

O'Brien said an inspection was conducted during the summer of 2024, during which time numerous code violations were found. As a result, O'Brien said the owners had six months to remedy the issues. He said the code office attempted to give them "a little more time" to address the issues but "at a certain point, we can't just let the building burn down."

Despite the inspection showing numerous violations, O'Brien said none of the issues were fixed leading to an order to comply.

He said the owners have until March 15 to fix everything on the "hefty list" or submit to the Code Office a compliance plan "to show a reasonable time frame" in which they plan to bring the building fully up to code.

O'Brien said he and the owners are also working with architect Brooks Washburn given his history with the owners and work on numerous plans that have been developed in the past.

"So, they're working to address it and luckily they want something from us, which is a certificate of occupancy for the new sections of the mall. That typically is keeping a little bit of motivation to correct issues," he said.

O'Brien said it was his hope that the requirement to receive a certificate of occupancy to stay open will be enough to see the work completed in a reasonable time frame.

The news of the Industrial Complex enduring so many code violations comes less than one year after the former mall officially closed to the public, with the exception of JCPenney, which still operates at the location.

When the mall closed, it was rebranded as an industrial complex that was marketed as having 600,000 square feet of industrial shipping and storage.

Available spaces for lease range between 30,000 to 200,000 square feet with additional loading dock and ample power for manufacturing requirements available for potential tenants, according to the website.

Columbia Frame Distribution Centre utilizes a large portion of the mall, stretching from the former Hills and Ames location through the food court and into center court.

Self-storage options are also available in the former Sears store location.

Built in 1990 at a cost of \$50 million by the Heritage Company, the mall was eventually sold to AP Massena Partners in 1995 and featured numerous franchises that included JCPenney, Hills, Bon-Ton and TJ Maxx.

Other stores came and went throughout the 34 year history of the location, including Ames, Record Town, FYE, GameStop, Champs, Waldenbooks, Spencer's Hallmark, Kay Jewelers, Belden Jewelers, KB Toys, Olympia, Radio Shack, Auntie Anne's, Bath and Body Works and numerous other store fronts.

A once bustling food court that

included Arby's, A&W, Sbarro, Subway and Wendy's eventually dwindled to a single mom and pop operation that eventually left during the COVID pandemic.

Another staple near the food court was Aladdin's Castle, an arcade that featured dozens of the most popular arcade video games in the 1990's and early 2000's.

Since the rebranding, efforts to bring in industrial clients have come to the forefront, including the announcement of Canadian fabric company Natural Insulation Products.

The Canadian firm, which boasts a factory in Italy as well, was announced as a new tenant last June, bringing "Thindown" fabric production to the North Country.

The company also received a \$1.2 million allocation from the New York Power Authority as part of the Northern New York Power Proceeds Fund.

NYPA economic developer Patricia Wilson previously made the recommendation that NIPI receive a \$1.2 million allocation as part of round 12 of the Northern New York Economic Development Fund allocations.

As part of the agreement, she said Natural Insulation Products America Inc. would spend more than \$6 million on the project.

"Natural Insulation Products plans to establish commercial scale production in the St. Lawrence Industrial Complex, formerly the St. Lawrence Centre mall, in order to better pursue the North American market," she said.

The company had already completed the proof of concept stage and successful market entry from its pilot plant in Italy when the funding was announced last July.

According to Wilson, Natural Insulation Products are hoping to pursue the North American market by establishing a foothold in Massena. The Massena location will function as NIPI's North American headquarters.



Submitted Photo

Subaru honors Potsdam dealership

John Barstow, dealer principal of Barstow Subaru in Potsdam, received a special award from Subaru recognizing 40 years as a Subaru dealer. Presenting the award to John from Subaru is Anne Robillard-Esposito, District Sales Manager. For the 3rd year in a row Barstow Subaru also achieved the Subaru Love Promise 2024 Customer & Community Commitment award in recognition of elite dealers showing outstanding commitment to their customers and community.

BRIEFLY

New staff at State Hearing/Audiology

POTSDAM – Maytal Slattery, Au.D., has joined the staff at State Hearing and Audiology, 6609 State Rte 56. Slattery moved to the North Country from Anchorage, Alaska in 2022. She has extensive experience in private practice, and specializes in tinnitus treatment. Slattery received her undergraduate degree in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology from Towson University and completed her Doctorate in Audiology from Salus University. She also holds certification from the American Academy of Audiology. In her free time, Slattery likes to read and take nature hikes. She also enjoys spending time with her husband, daughter, and two cats.

New Chamber members

POTSDAM – The Potsdam Chamber of Commerce has recently approved the membership applications of two new businesses: Serenity Counseling and Wellness and The Annex at Northern Ice. Serenity Counseling, 22 Depot Street, Suite 19, is led by U.S. Army veteran Jessica Royal, a licensed master social worker. Jessica brings three years of clinical experience and specializes therapeutic approaches, including CBT, DBT, IFS, ACT, and play/art therapy. The Annex, which opened last fall, is owned by Cassie Laurence, who also owns Northern Ice and Dance. The two businesses are at 45-47 Market St. The Annex offers women's apparel in sizes medium to 2X, focusing on relaxed, unique styles for adult women. The store also carries jewelry, accessories, purses, hats, mittens, scarves, and home décor.

Fort Tribute donation

MADRID - Niles Wealth Management with offices in Brushton, Canton and Potsdam recently made a commitment of \$3,000 (Regiment Level) in support of Fort Tribute. These funds will assist in the fort's ongoing operations. Fort Tribute is a Civil-War era historical interpretive center located on the grounds of the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum in Madrid. It also has the only single Civil War monument to recognize the Congressional Medal of Honor recipients from St. Lawrence County that fought in the War 1861-1865. For more information about the fort visit Facebook forttribute or its website www.forttribute.org.

Chamber support

POTSDAM - The Potsdam Chamber of Commerce was presented with a check from Northern Credit Union in support of the chamber membership program. The Potsdam Chamber of Commerce promotes local businesses and facilitates opportunities for member businesses to receive and give quality referrals. For more information, call 315-274-9000.

New SeacComm marketing VP

MASSENA – After a six-month national search, SeacComm has appointed Jackie Roy Hallock as Vice President of Marketing and Communications. She replaces Tammy Harrigan, who is retiring after 35 years with the credit union. Hallock brings over 17 years of experience in financial services, most recently serving as VP and Director of Marketing at Champlain National Bank. Her background includes roles in business development, branch management, and television news production at WPTZ-TV. A graduate of Massena Central, Hallock holds a master's from the London School of Economics and a bachelor's from St. Lawrence University.

Adirondack Audiology expands

POTSDAM – Louis Goodrow, HIS, has joined the staff at Adirondack Audiology, 6439 US Highway 11. Originally born in Cleveland, Ohio, Goodrow was raised in the Adirondack Park and currently resides there. He graduated from SUNY Potsdam in 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and began working in the hearing health care field in the following months. Visit adirondackaudiology.com for more information.

Chamber appoints new Canton coordinator & communications specialist

CANTON - The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce is announced the addition of Abigail Wilhelm as the Canton community coordinator and communications specialist to their team.

In this role, Wilhelm will help coordinate and communicate events, programs, and business development opportunities in the Canton region.

She will also be responsible for communicating business opportunities as well as Chamber events and programming county-wide as the organization's communications specialist. Wilhelm joins the Chamber from Lisbon and served previously as the Communications Coordinator at The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence.

"I am looking forward to sharing my perspective and helping to expand and strengthen business relationships in Canton and across the county in my new role at the St. Lawrence Chamber of Commerce," says Wilhelm. "I am so pleased to

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The program supports students pursuing careers in music products, arts administration, and the recording industry. Applications are open. Info: www.potsdam.edu/apply.

OBITUARIES

Duane M. Kirkey, 73

Potsdam

POTSDAM -- A Celebration of Life gathering for Duane M. Kirkey, 73, a resident of Sisson Street, Potsdam, will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at the Potsdam Elks Lodge starting at 1 p.m.

Burial will be held in St. Mart's Cemetery, Potsdam in the spring.

Mr. Kirkey passed away early Monday morning, February 3, 2025, at the Canton-Potsdam Hospital with family at his side.

Duane is survived by a son, Brad and Sarah Kirkey, Locust Grove, VA; two daughters, Stephanie and Matt Burcume, Midlothian, VA; Jaime Brown and her fiancé Marcus Keleher, Potsdam; his eight grandchildren - Bailey, Tyler, Carter Burcume; Marissa and Dallas Brown; Jack, Emma and Lila Kirkey; a brother, Brian Kirkey and his companion Patty Woodward, Potsdam; a sister-in-law, Susan Kirkey, FL and ex-wife and friend, Debbie Narrow.

Duane was pre-deceased by his parents, Gerald and Theresa, a

brother, Donald and a sister-in-law, Judith Kirkey.

Born in Massena, NY on December 12, 1951, to the late Gerald J. and Theresa Paige Kirkey, Duane worked as a mechanic and bodyman, working for Stan's in Potsdam and Relco in Syracuse and most recently worked in the woods, working for Whites Logging.

In his spare time, Duane enjoyed visiting with family and friends, working on cars and watching NASCAR.

Memories and condolences for Duane may be shared online at www.buckfuneralhome.com.

The Buck Funeral Home in Norwood is serving the family of Duane M. Kirkey.

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, 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 (Kai) 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) 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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Cynthia Jayne Quackenbush, 74

formerly of Saranac Lake

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 magical 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, 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

Leo D. Foster, 74

West Stockholm

(Chrystal) Foster and Kerry (Kathy) Foster; sister, Shirley Colbert; grandchildren, McKensi, Holland

and Lisle Foster and Keeygan, Kelson, Karter and Kameron Peet and several nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents, brothers, Ceylon Foster Jr. and Randy Foster

and a sister, Sharon Mitchell and Charlene Foster.

Mr. Leo D. Foster was born October 24, 1950, in Utica, NY to the late Ceylon Foster Sr. and Nellie

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.

Wilmot.

He attended Potsdam Central Schools.

On July 11, 1970 at the West Stockholm United Methodist Church he was married to Suzanne Turner with Rev. William Buckley celebrant.

Leo loved his time while working at Pahler Packing. He was there for over 23 years. He then went to work for Clarkson University as a custodian for a few years and then in the grounds crew for over 10 years.

Leo also worked at some local farms in the area. He worked at the Cook and Mitchell farms for several years.

In his free time he enjoyed hunting and camping and he was very good at teasing and telling his jokes.



Leo Foster

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Winter Trivia Nigh raises money for St. Mary's

St. Mary's Church in Canton recently held its annual Winter Trivia Night. Pastor/quizmaster Fr. Bryan Stitt presents the winning team, 'Cupid's Army,' with their prize. Pictured left to right are Fr. Stitt, Phil Shatraw, Sharon Rosenbarker, Sue Law, Paul Schrems, and Melissane Schrems. The spring event will be held May 17. All are welcome to join. Register at 315-386-2543.

Annual Kids' Expo to be held March 8 in the Roos House at SUNY Canton

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- 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.

As in year's past, parents and family members can learn about available local services, while children play and participate in the activities.

Visual artist Starczia will provide entertainment this year. Kids Bounce, a live, interactive, and energetic group of musical games featuring medium-high intensity aerobic dance, mime, improvisational play, and sing-alongs to old classics, will be available.

Admission to the Kids' Expo is free for children 12-years-old and younger and \$5 cash for attendees 13 and older.

Confirmed vendors at the event will include:

- 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
- 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.

To be an exhibitor at the event or for event sponsorship opportunities can find more information on the St. Lawrence County Chamber website at www.VisitSTLC.com or contact event coordinator, Laura Pearson at Laura@SLCchamber.org, 315-386-4000 ext #5.

OBITUARIES

Jeanine "Jenny" Marie Pryce, 64

Potsdam

POTSDAM -- Jeanine "Jenny" Marie Pryce, born October 5, 1960, passed away on Friday, February 21, 2025 at the age of 64.

Jenny was a proud mother and a devoted grandmother.

Jenny was a graduate of Potsdam High School (Class of 1978) and later got her Associates degree at SUNY Canton.

She spent much of her life serving others.

As a nurse at CPH for many years, Jenny provided compassionate care to her patients, and later, as a community health educator at Seaway Valley Prevention Council, she continued her mission of helping others. She retired in 2019, having made a lasting impact on her community.

Jenny was the loving daughter of Sheila (Shatraw) and Terry Pitcher, and was predeceased by both, in 2020 and 1998, respectively.

Jenny married Philip Pryce on October 9, 1982, and they went on to have two children. They later divorced, but remained friendly until her death.

She is survived by her daughter, Amanda (Pryce) LaCourse and husband, Brian, son, Jordan Pryce, and granddaughter, Ivy LaCourse.

She is also survived by her brother, Terry Pitcher and partner, Jessica Olmstead, and her sister, Dawn (Pitcher) Burnett and partner, John Cross. She was blessed with many nieces and nephews, including nephew, Shawn Burnett and wife, Heather and family, nephew, Jacob Pitcher and wife, Kelly and family, niece, Samantha Burnett, niece,

Kallie Regan, niece, Brooke Pitcher and family, niece, Emma Pitcher, niece, Isabella Pitcher, niece, Jessica Pitcher-Mills and family, nephew, Bryan Pitcher.

Jenny was a true people person; no matter where she went, she always knew someone, even in different countries. She had a gift for making connections and always enjoyed helping others.

The light of her life was her cherished granddaughter, Ivy, who brought her endless joy (and songs).

There was no greater happiness for Jenny than being with her family, especially during the treasured gatherings that brought everyone together.

She will be greatly missed and remembered by all.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jenny's name to the Potsdam Humane Society, where she adopted her late cat Grace.

Arrangements are with the Garner Funeral Service.

Friends may call at the Garner Funeral Service on Wednesday, February 26th from 12-2 and 5-7 pm.

Burial will take place in the spring at Bayside Cemetery in Potsdam.

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

RECENT DEATHS

LEO FOSTER, 74, West Stockholm. Arrangements with O'Leary Funeral Home, Canton.

JOYCE DEWEY, 82, Raymondville, Feb. 20. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Norfolk.

RONALD SHERMAN, 71, Gouverneur, Feb. 14. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

DAVID WILSON, 81, Parishville, Feb. 15. Arrangements with Donaldson Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.

FRANCIS TROMBLY, 82, Norwood, Feb. 15. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home.

GARY SULLIVAN, 82, Potsdam, Feb. 17. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Colton.

ROGER WOODARD, 75, Pierrepont, Feb. 18. Arrangements with Lawrence Funeral Home, Canton.

KIM COOPER, 66, Star Lake, Feb. 19. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Star Lake.

JEANINE PRYCE, 64, Potsdam, Feb. 21. Arrangements with Garner Funeral Service, Potsdam.

DOROTHY BRESSETTE, 95, Hailesboro, Feb. 21. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Gouverneur.

PAMELA FRANK, 74, Canton, Feb. 22. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home, Colton.

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

SUBMITTING OBITUARIES: Families now have the option of publishing obituaries in North Country This Week as well as on NorthCountryNow.com. For more information or to submit an obituary, email obituaries@northcountrynow.com or call 315-265-1000 ext. 33.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

Crane Jazz Ensemble

POTSDAM -- The Crane Jazz Ensemble is set to present a spring concert on Friday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Snell Theater at SUNY Potsdam. Info: www.potsdam.edu/cranelive.

WONOCO speaker

POTSDAM -- Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St., will host Kathy Del Guidice as its next WONOCO speaker on Feb. 28 from 6-7 p.m. Free. Executive Director of the Orchestra of Northern New York, Kathy Del Guidice will speak in a series that complements

the collaborative installation "The Dinner Party: Judy Chicago Reimagined" to enhance the project's impact further.

SAT., MARCH 1

Adult Bible study group

CANTON - The Good News Fellowship group will gather to read, study and discuss the Bible for comprehension every Saturday at 30 Court St. starting at 12:15. Good News Fellowship is a non-denominational group that welcomes thoughtful discussion. Look for a sign in the parking lot. Free Bibles available. Info: (315) 229-8264.

Snowshoe hike

PARISHVILLE -- A beginner/intermediate snowshoe hike around Clear Pond, south of Parishville, will be offered Saturday, March 1, with guide Blair Madore, of the Adirondack Mountain Club. The hike is Level 2: 4-5 miles total. Meet behind Potsdam Library at 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. at the Northern Trailhead. If you don't have equipment, contact Madore in advance for help. Contact Blair Madore at 315-261-0751 or madorebf@potsdam.edu for details. This is a joint Potsdam Public Library on the Outside event with Laurentian Chapter, Adirondack Mountain Club.

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@universityinncantont.com, 3157142641. Best Western University Inn Conference Center 90 East Main Street, Canton, NY.

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.

'Seed of the Sacred Fig'

POTSDAM - Cinema 10 at the Roxy in Potsdam will screen Seed of the Sacred Fig/Dane-ye anjir-e ma'abed (Germany/France/Iran, 2024, d. Mohammad Rasoulof), a 160-minute PG-13 film on March 3 at 7:15 p.m. The political drama film centers on Iman, an investigating judge in the Revolutionary Court in Tehran, who grapples with paranoia as nationwide political protests due to the death of a young woman intensify and his gun mysteriously disappears, making him distrust his wife and daughters. General Admission: \$6.50 for individual and \$55 for season tickets (shareable). Students and Senior Citizens: \$5.50 for individual and \$45 for season tickets (shareable). For more information please visit <https://www.cinema10.org>. Follow Cinema 10 on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CinemaTen. Follow Cinema 10 on Instagram at @cinema10potsdam.

Medicare Mondays

CANTON -- The St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging is offering a new program called Medicare Mondays. Over the next four months, the department will present free, public Medicare 101 presentations to help answer questions and concerns regarding Medicare plan options and open enrollment. All presentations will be held in Canton at the Human Services Building located at 80 State Highway 310, 2nd Floor Conference Room. For more information, call (315) 386-4730. Presentations are scheduled for: March 3, 10-11 a.m. April 7, 2-3 p.m. May 12, 10-11 a.m. June 2, 2-3 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Canton seniors meet

CANTON - The monthly meeting of the Canton Senior Citizen Club will be held Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 1:00pm at 35 Riverside Drive. A St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Sergeant will speak on the "Yellow Dot Program" and the "Blue Envelope Program." All senior citizens welcome. Info: Call Myrtle Regan, Pres., 315-386-8917.

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/8992536249?pwd=uxj-sIRsawBuccVNrb25bPqggDzMEI.1>. Meeting ID: 899 2523 6249; Passcode: 115536. The public is welcome to attend this meeting. For more information, call (315) 386-2325.

THURS., MARCH 6

Aromatherapy for colds

POTSDAM --Aromatherapy to keep cold and flu germs at bay and support clear breathing during cold and flu season will be offered Thursday, March 6, at 6 p.m. at Potsdam Public Library. Join Clinical Aromatherapist Kat Wilcox for a workshop where you will learn about different essential oils and aromatics that can help keep germs at bay.

Red Sandstone walk

POTSDAM - The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) welcomes the public on Thurs., March 6, 13, 20 and 27 to its weekly walk on the Red Sandstone Access Roads starting at 7:30 a.m. We will walk the dirt access roads for approximately 2 miles, 1 hour round trip. Meet at the Red Sandstone trailhead, north entrance parking lot off Back Hannawa Road (CR59) between Potsdam and Hannawa Falls. Contact Marianne Hebert, hebertm@potsdam.edu or 315-265-0756.

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. The goal will be to build a structure that is strong, yet lightweight. High school juniors and seniors on the winning team will each receive a \$500 scholarship. Other participants will be eligible to win prizes. SUNY Canton is renowned for its award-winning student Steel Bridge Team, which competes nationally in the American Institute of Steel Construction Student Steel Bridge Competition. 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

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3rd annual Polar Plunge to take place in Postwood Park March 8

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

HANNAWA FALLS — Local swimmers will once again dip more than a toe into the chill March waters of the Raquette River at Postwood Park.

The 3rd annual Postwood Polar Plunge, hosted by the Clarkson Student Occupational Therapy Depart-

ment and the Town of Potsdam, will take place again at Postwood Park in Hannawa Falls.

The event, which enjoys support and donations from local residents, businesses and organizations, raises money for a good cause. This year proceeds will help support The St. Lawrence Health Initiative.

The cost to jump into the icy depths is \$10. Pledges are welcome

say organizers. Signup to make the leap online at <https://tinyurl.com/kpfhj3za>.

Considerations for plungers include:

- All participants must sign a waiver and check in with the event coordinator prior to plunging
- All participants must have weather-appropriate clothes that can be easily put on after exiting the

water

- Wear warm baggy clothes until you are within seconds, not minutes, of entering the water
- No alcohol or marijuana allowed in the park area.

Last year more than 100 local residents attended the plunge with more than a few of those hitting

the water, including a few local government officials. Last year's event raised a total of \$1,790 for The Renewal House.

For more information contact event organizer Meredith Miller at millernrg@clarkson.edu.

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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. 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.

Basic mediation training

CANTON - Basic mediation training will be offered Friday-Sunday, March 7-9, and Saturday-Sunday, March 22-23, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3 1/2 E. Main St. This structured, hands-on learning experience teaches the skills and strategies to

facilitate dialogues for peaceful conflict resolution. No formal education or prior training is needed. Attendees who register for either tract must attend all 5 days. Contact Rick Pominville, St. Lawrence County ADR Director, to register at 315-785-0333 x201 or r.pominville@resolution-center.net. Those attending must attend an information session. Dates and times TBD.

Five Hour Free Friday

CANTON - The St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau is encouraging community members to support and participate with their teen-led service project, "Five Hour Free (from Social Media) Friday," scheduled for Friday, March 7 from 4-9 p.m. The Youth Bureau invites all residents in St. Lawrence County to take the pledge and join "Five Hour Free (From Social Media) Friday" on March 7. To participate or learn more, contact the Youth Bureau by emailing Alexa Chase at AChase@stlawco.gov or calling 315-379-9464.

SAT., MARCH 8

'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. 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.

Adult Bible study group

CANTON - The Good News Fellowship group will gather to read, study and discuss the Bible for comprehension every Saturday at 30 Court St. starting at 12:15. Good News Fellowship is a non-denominational group that welcomes thoughtful discussion. Look for a sign in the parking lot. Free Bibles available. Info: (315) 229-8264.

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 are \$15 at the door or online at www.pickenshall.com.

Frozen Foote race

CANTON - The 2024-2025 Frozen Foote Race Series will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8 and March 8. Registration at 9:30 a.m. at SLU's Newell Field House atrium. Races start from the circle by Newell Field House. \$10 for the series, \$4 for individual race. Walkers should start early so everyone is done

before noon. For all ages and abilities. 4-mile out-and-back route along Miner Street Road. Complete at least 3 of the 4 to receive a long-sleeved T-shirt. Info: Suna Stone at sunastone@stlawu.edu or (315) 229-5105.

Kids' Expo

POTSDAM -- 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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Why hiring a painter is the right choice

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Professional painters are likely to do a job that is nearly flawless, especially after homeowners exercise their due diligence and vet painters carefully. Professionals will pay attention to the small details that less experienced painters wouldn't think about.

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

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 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



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times, this can make stocking up a considerable investment. Professionals already have all the right gear and tools of the trade.

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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.

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.

How to turn attics into livable spaces

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.

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 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.

Certain home features can tip the scales in favor of sellers. In fact, various renovations can help sell homes more readily. And these renovations need not cost a fortune. 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. Jennie Norris,

chairwoman for the International Association of Home Staging Professionals, says gray is a "safe" color that has been trending in recent years.

• 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 percent 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 mechanical systems.

• Fresh landscaping: A home's exterior is the first thing buyers will see. If they pull up to a home with eye-catching landscaping and outdoor areas that are attractive yet functional, they're more likely to be intrigued. 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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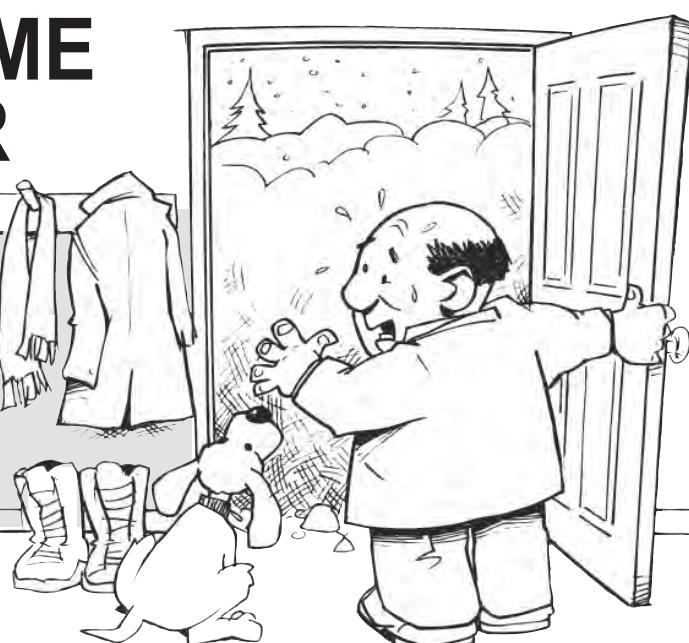
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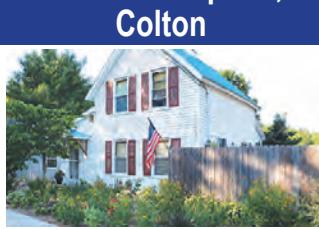
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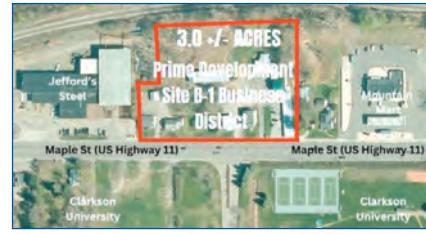
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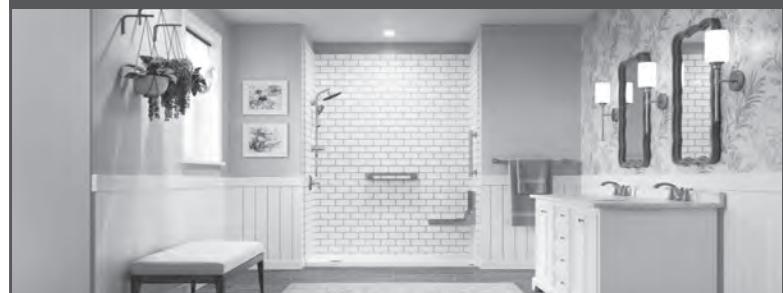


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Trivia Test

- TELEVISION: The show "Happy Days" is a spinoff of which older sitcom?
 - LITERATURE: Which author created the character Hercule Poirot?
 - 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?
- Answers found elsewhere in this paper.



Photo courtesy Val White

Fresh groomed trails at Higley

Freshly groomed trails are available at Higley Flow State Park in Colton following recent snow accumulations of up to 18 inches in some parts of St. Lawrence County.

'Glimpse of The North Country' exhibit open until March 1 in Canton

CANTON – TAUNY and partner The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence are offering the exhibit "A Glimpse of the North Country" until March 1.

This art exhibit captures the core values and vision of a dedicated organization committed to enhancing the lives of individuals with diverse needs throughout their lifetime.

The exhibit features over 20 works from 15 artists in Wall Art & Objects, Macrame, Ceramics, Clay, Painting, Sewing, Sculpture, Rug Braiding, Weaving, and many pieces are also available for sale.

Through a series of evocative artworks, the exhibit reflects the organization's mission to provide lifelong opportunities that foster growth, independence, and the fulfillment of personal aspirations.

The display is rooted in the philosophy of person-centered care, offering a narrative of endless possibilities for personal development, choice, and autonomy.

Each piece underscores the organization's responsiveness to the ever-evolving needs of those they serve, showcasing adaptability and flexibility.

Community involvement and dignity take center stage, illustrating the vital connection between individuals and their communities, where work, belonging, and service create pathways to independence.

The theme of excellence is woven throughout, as the artworks demonstrate a relentless pursuit of higher standards, continuous improvement, and innovation in service delivery.

Spring class series begins at NCCM

POTSDAM – The North Country Children's Museum Spring Class Series begins March 5 and runs until May 16.

Ten sessions for \$95.

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Class size is limited, registration and information here: <https://www.cognitiforms.com/northcountry>

[childrensmuseum1/_2025spring-classseries](#)

Preschool Classes with a Caregiver include:

- Wednesday – 10:10-10:40 a.m.

Toddler Music, Ages 4 and under

- Thursday – 10:10-10:40 a.m.

Make A Mess Art, Ages 2-5

- Friday – 10:10-10:40 a.m. Science Play, Ages 3-5

After School Classes for Grades K-5 (drop-off, or bus from Potsdam

School by parent request):

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SUNY Canton Engineer's Week Open House rescheduled for March 6, hands-on activities

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.

The free event features more than 10 hands-on activities designed to inspire students to pursue STEM

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Guests can test out virtual reality equipment, exploring game design techniques, experimenting with 3D printing, and more.

Students can join in a team competition to design and assemble a model bridge using flexible plastic pieces. The goal will be to build a

structure that is strong, yet lightweight. 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 at www.canton.edu/engineers/.

23rd annual Bridal Expo planned at Best Western

CANTON -- Brides to be... Save the date.

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

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

**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 the city manager 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

**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, 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

\$5,000,000

Maximum Estimated Cost: 40 years

\$5,000,000 bonds

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**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

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

The Village of Potsdam will accept sealed bids for supplying the Village Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Plants with chemicals on an annual contract basis for the period from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. Bids will be received for each chemical listed below, and bids will be evaluated for each chemical on an individual basis.

1. Sodium Hydroxide Na (OH)
2. Alum (Al2 SO3)
3. Sodium Hypochlorite Na (OCL)
4. Sodium Fluoride
5. Poly Aluminum Chloride or equal
6. Phosphate
7. Liquid Polymer

The Village reserves the right to waive informality and to reject any or 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 (chemical name) at the Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant, on the outside of the envelope. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five days of the bid opening. Bids will be received at the Village Clerk's Office, Civic Center-2 Park Street, P.O. Box 5168, Potsdam, NY 13676 until 1:00 p.m. 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 Village reserves the right to reduce the total quantity purchased without reduction in unit price for the delivered load specified. The suppliers of chemicals shall provide a guaranteed analysis of the concentration of each load delivered. These analyses must be performed by a competent chemist and must be delivered at the same time as the load of chemicals. The lack of the analysis will be reason to refuse delivery of the load. Georgine Scott, Village Clerk

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY OF NORWOOD, NY

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

**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.

Register now for April**Break Robotics Camp**

POTSDAM -- Registration is now open for the North Country Children's Museum's April Break Robotics Camp. Robotics camp will challenge students in Grades 1-5 to think like an engineer.

Throughout the week, students will work collaboratively to design and build robots to solve fun design challenges, complete tasks, and overcome engineering obstacles.

They will defend castles, tear down towers, and work through difficult mazes to reach the other side.

**SUNY Potsdam hosts
Criminal Justice Day for
prospective students**

the chance to train alongside hired officers from local agencies.

- Career connections: Meet recruiters from various law enforcement and criminal justice agencies to discuss the range of career opportunities in the field.

- Lunch on campus: Enjoy a meal in one of the campus dining halls and experience a bit of campus life, surrounded by students and faculty.

Optional tours led by Admissions are also available, for students who want to explore more of the SUNY Potsdam campus. The tours will be held immediately before and after the Criminal Justice Day activities, and will feature a peek at academic buildings, science labs, arts facilities, student union, residence halls and the Maxcy Hall Athletic Complex.

Registration for Criminal Justice Day at SUNY Potsdam is free and open to all prospective students and their families. To learn more, visit apply.potsdam.edu/portal/criminal_justice.

BRIEFLY**Guitarist offering shows**

Paul Meyers, an experienced local musician, offers live music services for private events including weddings, parties, fundraisers, gallery openings, corporate events, and more. In addition to performing at concerts, clubs,

**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.

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

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

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

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

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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 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 informalities 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

A petition has been filed by Rainekonis 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 Megan Fowler: 7 Finney Blvd Malone NY 12953. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

MADRID NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

A public hearing will be held on March 12th at 6 P.M. before the regular monthly Town Board meeting in the Town office located at 3529 County Route 14, Madrid, NY to discuss an increase in Water and Sewer Rates Zoe Hawkins, Town Clerk 02/28/2025

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

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

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@ogdensburgk12.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

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.

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.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY 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.

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 ½ 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.



Skilled Trades - HVAC Facilities Department

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a **Skilled Trades HVAC**. The salary is \$18.63 - \$27.09/hr. To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/3624> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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

St. Lawrence University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



General Laborer

Facilities Operations Department

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a Full-time **General Laborer**. The salary is \$15.50 - \$20.38/hr. To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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Principal Clerk

SLU Bookstore

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

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

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Principal Clerk Bookkeeper

SLU Bookstore

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To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/3982> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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NORTH COUNTRY THIS WEEK | FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 6, 2025



Are you looking to
**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE?**

Join our
**Family Care
Program!**



St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, an Office of Mental Health (OMH) facility, is looking for individuals to join their **FAMILY CARE PROGRAM**.

The Family Care Program is a residential program sponsored by OMH for individuals with mental illness

Family Care Providers provide daily care in their home including:
Medication management • Meal preparation
Transportation for appointments

Want to learn more about how you can contribute to an individual's recovery?

Join us for an informational session

March 3, 4, 6, 7, 20, 21, 24, & 25

9am - 3pm

Unity Building; 1 Chimney Point Drive, Ogdensburg

QUESTIONS?

Contact Johnnie Flynn, Family Care Coordinator

(315) 394-0101 ext. 140 or

Johnnie.Flynn@omh.ny.gov

Referral & Insurance Specialist: Under the direction of the Business Office Manager, the Referral & Insurance Specialist will gather and enter the necessary patient visit information and promote positive public relations with patients at the Diabetes Center for Excellence in a manner consistent with medical, administrative, ethical, legal and regulatory requirements in all areas of the Business Office. The Referral & Insurance Specialist will compile, process and maintain referrals for Diabetes Center for Excellence and will work with the Business Office team in planning, coordination and management of the health care delivery system. Status: Non-exempt, Full-time, Permanent Salary: \$15.63 - \$31.6 Deadline: March 12, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

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 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.

Licensed Practical Nurse - Hospice of St Lawrence Valley has openings for full-time, part-time, and per diem LPNs to carry out assigned nursing functions under the supervision of a Registered Nurse. Must have a current LPN license in NYS; the ability to maintain confidentiality and function as a member of an interdisciplinary team; a basic understanding and commitment to the Hospice concept of care for the terminally ill; and a valid NYS Driver's license. On-call and travel throughout St Lawrence County is required. Salary \$22-\$25/hour. Applications are available at hospiceslv.org or by calling Hospice at 315-265-3105.

IMMEDIATE OPENING: Bronson Service Corp is looking for a highly motivated heating service technician with great oil burner skills as well as well-rounded, overall heating knowledge (Plumbing skills a plus). Wages and commission from \$47,500 to \$69,500 for the right technician. Stop by at 7585 US Highway 11, Potsdam for an application or email pbronson@nnymail.com. EOE

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

Potsdam Humane Society seeking part-time veterinary technicians. Graduate of an accredited veterinary technology program. Prefer at least one year of experience as a practicing Licensed Veterinary Technician with strong surgical and laboratory skills. Knowledge of animal behavior and strong animal handling skills. New graduate applications accepted. Submit resume and



Part-Time Cook for the Bishop's Residence

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg is seeking a **part-time Cook for Bishop's Residence**. The position is responsible for preparing meals for the Bishop. The position is also responsible for preparing meals and organizing elements of hospitality for meetings held at the Bishop's Residence. Assistance will be provided for gatherings of more than 12 people. Hours of work will vary based on the Bishop's schedule. The Bishop's monthly schedule will be provided in advance. Pay rate: \$20/hr. Applicants should contact the Human Resources Office at 315-605-1091 or by email at ksnover@rcdony.org.



**Safety and Occupational
Health Manager**
**Great Lakes St. Lawrence
Seaway Massena, NY**

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

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

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references to director@potsdamhumane-society.org.

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

CANTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MULTIPLE PT SUMMER POSITIONS - Village of Canton, New York • The Village of Canton is currently recruiting for multiple seasonal summer positions within the Recreation Department. Positions include laborers, lifeguards, lead lifeguard(s), learn-to-swim instructors, recreation attendants, and recreation leader. Positions are eligible for NYS Retirement. For full consideration, please apply by March 14, 2025 at 4p.m. For a complete job descriptions go to: https://cantonny.gov/services/parks_recreation/hiring.php. EOE

The Director of Procurement is responsible for all phases of the University's procurement process for goods and services with annual outlays of approximately \$10 million. The Director provides leadership and strategic planning to meet the needs of Potsdam for strategic sourcing, category management, purchasing operations, card solutions, and accounts payable, ensuring compliance with all SUNY, New York State and SUNY Research Foundation policies, procedures, and regulations. In this role, the Director leads institutional efforts to introduce new procurement, operational and customer service strategies, techniques, technologies, and workflows to the procurement and accounts payable process in order to minimize costs and improve services to the University community. The Director also leads or participates in the final negotiation of University contracts for goods and services, resolves bid and contract disputes in consultation with other University departments and with SUNY and/or government entities as appropriate, and maintains compliance required under applicable laws, regulations, and University policy. For full details, including required and preferred qualifications, and to apply please visit <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/5315>

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

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

Flooring installer needed. No experience required. \$18/hour. 40 hours per week. 401k. Health benefits available. Will train right person for advancement. Apply in person. Maitland's Hardwood & Tile, 7167 US Hwy 11, Potsdam.

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



Radiologic Technologist

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Radiologic Technologist performs a wide variety of routine and advanced imaging procedures and works under the direction of the Operations Supervisor. The Radiologic Technologist uses a wide variety of radiographic equipment, computers, and detectors. The incumbent must be able to provide basic maintenance and repairs, participate in QA, and resolve issues related to image processing and the image archiving system.

The Radiologic Technologist works with a variety of radiology modalities available at the hospital. The Radiologic Technologist must have the knowledge to make quick and highly technical decisions in order to accommodate physical restrictions and pathology. The incumbent must be able to resolve conflict and endure the pressures associated with a constantly changing work environment.

The incumbent may independently perform procedures on adults, geriatric patients, adolescents, and pediatric age groups and performs patient assessment within the scope of practice. The Radiologic Technologist works collaboratively with staff to prioritize and organize schedules and to triage exams.

Operates Radiology equipment to obtain radiographs for diagnostic purposes. Must be willing to cross train with Computed Tomography (CT)..

JOB TYPE: Full-time

PAY: From \$27.00 per hour

BENEFITS:

- 401(k)
- Dental insurance
- Health insurance
- Life insurance
- Paid time off
- Vision insurance

MEDICAL SPECIALTY:

- Radiology

SCHEDULE: Monday to Friday

• On call

• Weekends as needed

ABILITY TO COMMUTE/RELOCATE:

• Star Lake, NY 13690: Reliably commute or planning to relocate before starting work (Required)

LICENSE/CERTIFICATION: BLS Certification (Required), ARRT Certification (Required)

WORK LOCATION: In person

PLEASE VISIT: www.CliftonFineHospital.org

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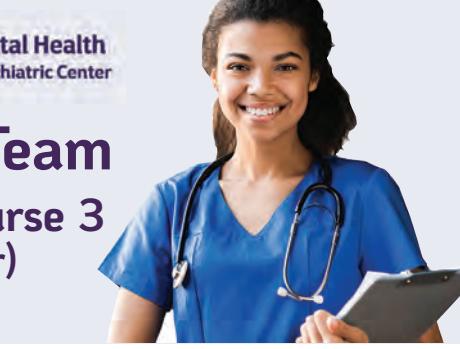
St. Lawrence University invites applications for a 12-Month, **Chief Clerk, Constituent Records** position. The salary range is \$18.84 - \$25.94/hr. To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/4033> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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

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St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center (SLPC),

in Ogdensburg, is a comprehensive Office of Mental Health (OMH) facility providing inpatient and outpatient services to adults with mental illness and children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances in St. Lawrence, Jefferson, Franklin, Essex, Lewis, and Clinton counties.

SLPC believes everyone should have an equal opportunity to achieve mental wellness. This means implementing services and policies to reduce disparities in access, quality, and treatment outcomes for historically marginalized, underserved, and unserved populations.

JOBS REQUIREMENTS

- Current NYS license and registration
- Bachelor's degree in nursing
- 2 years of post-licensure experience experience; 1 year must be clinical nursing working with individuals, at least 50% of whom have been diagnosed with mental illness, addiction, or substance use disorder and 1 year must be as a professional nurse educator conducting nurse education and training. Master's degree in nursing or higher may substitute for the one year of nurse educator experience
- For more information, visit: statejobs.ny.gov/public/search.cfm

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HOW TO APPLY | slpc.humanresources@omh.ny.gov or fax 315-541-2034, or call 315-541-2189

WE ARE HIRING!

The **Special Education Division** of St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES is looking to fill the following positions:

School Social Worker

Seeking social worker to work in the Canton and Potsdam region. This position provides student counseling, connects families to community resources, partners with the teacher, related service providers, school district and outside agencies to support and advocate for student emotional, mental and physical well-being. NYS School Social Worker Certification required.

Speech Pathologists

(3 positions available) Seeking speech teachers/pathologists to work in the Ogdensburg, Canton or Potsdam regions. This position provides evaluation and intervention (consult or direct) to enhance a student's level of communicative functioning in order for them to participate in the school environment. NYS Certification in Speech and Language Disabilities required.

The BOCES application can be accessed & submitted online at

www.slbboces.org

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

EOE



Assistant Director for the Adirondack Semester

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

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

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LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



is accepting applications for the following positions:

- **Substitute Bus Monitors**

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

- **Social Worker/Mental Health Counselor/School Counselor**

- **Elementary Teacher**

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

- **ENL (English as a New Language) Teacher**

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

- **English Teacher (Grades 7-12)**

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

Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

Early application is encouraged and applications will be reviewed as they are received.

* Proper Certification is required for some positions.

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

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

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

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

EOE



St. Lawrence County COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, INC.
HEAD START
has the current openings:

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

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

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

Health Professional for Brasher/Norwood and around the county: Experience in the Medical Field. Medical Professional, CNA, etc. Experience with young children a plus. The salary range is \$17.69 to \$18.87 per hour depending on the degree/certification.

Bus Monitors for Gouverneur (1): Persons must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. Person should enjoy working with preschool aged children. The salary is \$16.76 per hour.

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

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

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

Positions follow the BOCES Calendar.

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

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

The Norwood-Norfolk Central School District



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

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

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

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

NNCS is an EEO Employer.

NYS Education Department fingerprint clearance is required for all appointments.



Hermon-DeKalb CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOW HIRING

Boys Varsity Baseball Coach

Hermon-Dekalb Central School is accepting applications for a boys varsity baseball coach. Applications are available at www.hdcsk12.org or at HDCS. **Application must be in by February 28, 2025**

Please send letter of interest, application, resume, and letters of recommendation to:
Megan Foster-Trimm, Superintendent
Hermon-Dekalb Central School District,
709 East Dekalb Road
Dekalb Junction, NY 13630

THREE (3) SCHOOL COUNSELOR POSITIONS

School Counselor, Elementary (K-4), Middle School and High School levels, Probationary, effective 9/1/25.
NYS School Counselor certification required.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Probationary position, effective 9/1/25. NYS certification required.
Dual certification in Health and PE preferred.

LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST

Probationary elementary school position, effective 9/1/25.
NYS certification required.

GERMAN LANGUAGE TEACHER

Probationary secondary position, effective 9/1/25.
NYS certification required.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES TEACHER

Probationary secondary position, effective 9/1/25.
NYS certification required.

Fayetteville-Manlius CSD. Apply online www.olasjobs.org by 3/10/2025



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Salmon River Central School District
is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year:

Teacher Aide

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

The Salmon River Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, political affiliation, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, pregnancy, military status, veteran status, genetic pre-disposition or carrier status, ancestry, disability or any other legally protected status in regard to employment opportunities or educational/vocational programs or activities which it operates.

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/EEO Employer. Deadline for applications is February 16, 2025.

The School of Education and Professional Studies at the SUNY College at Potsdam invites applications for a full-time (12-month) Advisor of Graduate Studies. Reporting to the Director of Graduate Studies, the successful candidate will be responsible for the academic advising of graduate students across a variety of the School's programs, including the MST in Childhood Education. The incumbent will also review applications, meet virtually with candidates and advisees, and collaborate with colleagues to develop orientation programming. Additional duties of the position will include participation in faculty governance, contributing to the assessment and accreditation activities of the School and College, and participation in partnership advisory committees. Required qualifications of this position include an earned bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, demonstrated proficiency with relevant technologies (e.g., Microsoft Suite), and demonstrated excellence in written communication skills. Applicants must submit a resume, letter of intent specifically addressing the responsibilities and candidate qualifications as stated in this position announcement, and a list of at least three (but no more than five) references with contact information. The anticipated start date is April, 2025. For more information regarding the application process and job requirements visit the Human Resource employment website: SUNY Potsdam Employment Site | Home. <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/5319> EOE

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

AJ's 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

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

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Referral & Insurance Specialist: Under the direction of the Business Office Manager, the Referral & Insurance Specialist will gather and enter the necessary patient visit information and promote positive public relations with patients at the Diabetes Center for Excellence in a manner consistent with medical, administrative, ethical, legal and regulatory requirements in all areas of the Business Office. The Referral & Insurance Specialist will compile, process and maintain referrals for Diabetes Center for Excellence and will work with the Business Office team in planning, coordination and management of the health care delivery system. Status: Non-exempt, Full-time, Permanent Salary: \$15.63 - \$31.6 Deadline: March 12, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

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 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.

Licensed Practical Nurse - Hospice of St Lawrence Valley has openings for full-time, part-time, and per diem LPNs to carry out assigned nursing functions under the supervision of a Registered Nurse. Must have a current LPN license in NYS; the ability to maintain confidentiality and function as a member of an interdisciplinary team; a basic understanding and commitment to the Hospice concept of care for the terminally ill; and a valid NYS Driver's license. On-call and travel throughout St Lawrence County is required. Salary \$22-\$25/hour. Applications are available at hospiceslv.org or by calling Hospice at 315-265-3105.

IMMEDIATE OPENING: Bronson Service Corp is looking for a highly motivated heating service technician with great oil burner skills as well as well-rounded, overall heating knowledge (Plumbing skills a plus). Wages and commission from \$47,500 to \$69,500 for the right technician. Stop by at 7585 US Highway 11, Potsdam for an application or email pbronson@nnymail.com. EOE

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 stra-

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Other duties may include covering for peers during vacations and at other times of facility need, assisting residents or family members with concern and empathy, demonstrating sound judgment by taking appropriate actions regarding questionable findings or concerns and administering medication as ordered by a physician.

Benefits for both positions include paid time off, health insurance, with vision and dental plans available, 401-K, life insurance, a FREE telehealth program, an employee assistance program, and more!

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ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Staff Accountant

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a **Staff Accountant**. Reporting to the Controller, the Staff Accountant will apply accounting principles to complete daily, monthly, and yearly accounting tasks to support the Business Office in producing accurate and complete financial reports.

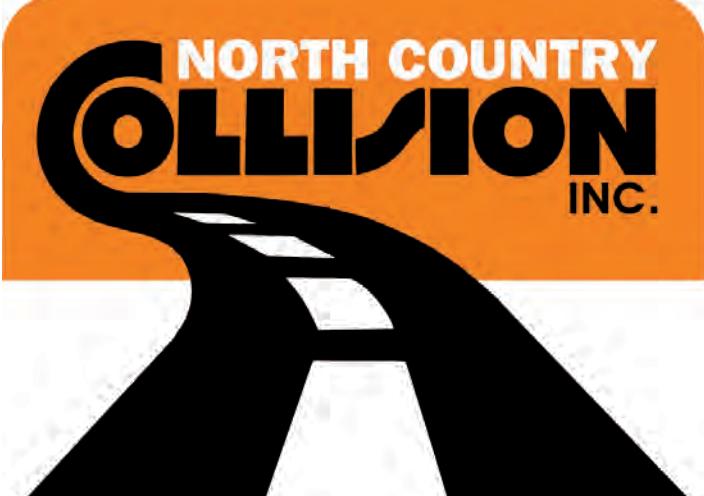
The salary range is \$62,000 - \$65,000 annually.

Hybrid Work Statement

This is an on-site position in Canton, N.Y. with the potential for hybrid/remote flexibility.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/4054>.

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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:

employment@mcs.k12.ny.us

For all inquiries, please contact:

315-764-3700 ext. 3011 EOE

tegic 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

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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