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Air Products pull out puts \$2.4M grant at risk

Massena officials working on best course of action

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Green hydrogen producer Air Products has pulled out of Massena, leaving a \$2.4 million water infrastructure grant in limbo and taxpayers wondering what, if any, expenses they may be on the hook for.

Air Products officials announced on Feb. 24 they were closing down construction on what was to be a \$500 million facility that would have brought 90 full-time jobs to the town of Massena.

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

The newly-elected Air Products board said the cancellation

'Hopefully they let us move those funds to one of our shovel ready projects. We have two or three water projects that need funding and are pretty much shovel ready right now.'

Marty Miller
Highway Superintendent

of three projects would also allow the company to record a pre-tax charge of \$3.1 billion in its fiscal year 2025 second quarter, a move that allows them to write-down assets and terminate contractual agreements.

According to village Treasurer Kevin Felt and Mayor Greg Paquin, taxpayers will not see

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review and approval at this time.

Psychological exams have also been completed on the officers who wish to carry handguns, though not all results are in just yet, he said.

"The ones we have received so far all went well," he recently told St. Lawrence County legislators.

Once those steps are complete, LePage said resolutions will be written to begin procuring equipment for the 10 officers who wish to carry.

While a number of technicalities remain, firearm training must also be complete.

LePage said the department missed the window to receive the training in July, however another



Photo submitted

Corrections officers and supporters who've been holding strikes with hopes of getting safer working conditions took their fight to Albany Tuesday. Corrections officers in attendance reported as many as 3,000 joined the rally.

Corrections officers say no deal

State threatens to cut off insurance for strikers

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Current and retired correctional officers, family members and supporters gathered during the county legislature meeting March 3 to call on Gov. Kathy Hochul to suspend portions of the HALT Act and listen to the concerns of officers.

That came on the heels of an announcement that striking officers

who haven't returned to work would soon be losing their health insurance benefits and threats of legal consequences.

Officers, family members, supporters and attorney Michael Sussman are in Albany currently, protesting the state and union's deal and to call for a repeal of HALT.

Brasher Falls resident Tom Agans, a retired lieutenant who worked at Bare Hill in Malone, said the HALT Act was the cause of a

now two week long strike at 40 of 42 state prisons.

Agans said DOCCS commissioner Daniel Martuscello III "continues to fail to mention that fact."

"The real reason we're out here is this bill. Everyone who works there knows this. We work in a controlled chaos environment," Agans said.

He said it was "only a matter of time before chaos happened."

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Heuvelton Central School | Courtesy

Winter Olympics

Heuvelton Central students in grades 7-12 competed in a series of activities like dodgeball, hungry-hungry hippos, and a basketball shoot out during the district Winter Olympics. Even staff got to join in on the fun. Above Kari Hance, a high school science teacher, competes in hungry-hungry hippo.

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The Ogdensburg Public Library has begun construction of a new lift and enclosure for access to the building.

Construction underway on new library lift

OGDENSBURG — Construction has begun for a new lift and enclosure for access to the Ogdensburg Public Library from the outside.

"We have a lift that was not compatible to our weather and kept breaking down. The solution was to put an addition on the building and enclose the new lift," said Library Director Penny Kerfien.

Northern Tier Construction, of Gouverneur, is the

contractor for the building. The lift, itself, will be from Northstar Lifts.

The completion date is by July 1, 2025, if the weather cooperates.

It is funded by several sources: a bequest from a former patron, a matching grant from Northern New York Community Foundation, The Friends of the Library and other donations.

County gets grant for bridge replacement

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

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

According to county officials, the \$750,000 grant is a major catalyst for the project, which requires a 20% contribution from the county.

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

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

The county Department of Highways will be submitting reimbursement requests to NBRC with administration by the Devel-

opment Authority of the North Country (DANC).

Another budget modification was approved for machinery rental, equipment repairs, maintenance and overtime related to projects stemming from flooding last year.

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

Flood-related highway repairs, stemming from the Aug. 9 and 10 flooding last year, necessitated the increased utilization of county-owned machinery, officials said.

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

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

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Road salt in high demand but low supply in county

County enters into cooperative purchase agreement with Franklin County

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

CANTON -- Road salt is in short supply but St. Lawrence County officials have continued a 10-year partnership with Franklin County to secure future stores as winter continues on.

Legislators passed a resolution during the Feb. 24 Finance Committee meeting to approve the annual agreement, which Highway Superintendent Don Chambers said saves the county anywhere from \$10 to \$30 per ton of salt.

"It's a significant savings, purchasing salt as part of a cooperative with Franklin County," Chambers said.

The deal is one that the county has entered into annually for the last decade or so, saving the county thousands of dollars each year.

"We've been very successful with this arrangement," he said.

Chambers said the purchase covers all municipalities in both counties, with all towns and villages signing on to procure salt through the cooperative.

The deal comes at a time when salt supplies have been exhausted, partially due to extreme weather conditions this season but also due in part to state policy that forces the county to purchase salt from western New York.

"The entire state has had issues procuring salt this year, so I'm sure the legislation has not helped that in any way," Chambers said.

Chambers said salt stockpiles across the state were "exhausted," with freshly mined salt being delivered via truck load.

"All municipalities are in low supply right now. We did get a few deliveries just a day or so ago," Chambers told North Country This Week.

Legislator James Reagan asked if legislation passed last year that largely banned Canadian salt has played a role in the shortage, a fact Chambers said is pretty much with-

out debate.

During a recent visit to Potsdam to advocate for additional CHIPS funding, Assemblyman Scott Gray said a bill was recently introduced to change the language of that law to allow for North American salt purchases.

State Senator Dan Stec said the bill would allow the North Country to procure salt and accept delivery at the Port of Ogdensburg again, ensuring a better flow of the good.

Chambers said salt has largely arrived in the region through the port, as well as by rail. But with a recent roof collapse at the facility in Norwood, rail is out of the question.

"The recent winter storm led to a roof collapse at the site, so rail deliveries are not even possible right now. The site was completely out of salt but the fact we are limited even further has not helped. That's part of the reason we're having salt trucked up to us. It's not the most efficient, ideal way to do it but we're doing what we can," Chambers told North Country This Week.

Despite the limitations, Chambers said salt prices have largely been in line with what they were before.

"Supply is the issue right now, not pricing," he said.

Chambers said the state declaring a state of emergency has also impacted the county.

"The state Department of Transportation is now taking salt out of the storage facilities in St. Lawrence County and distributing it to other parts of the state. That's just further compounding issues," he said.

Chambers said the county typically had a very large stockpile at the Bridge and Port Authority most years, however that stock is now spent as well.

"We're hoping to just get through this winter and to regroup in the spring. We'll work on stockpiling throughout the summer to ensure we're ready for this, if it were to happen, again next year," he said.

BRIEFLY

Gas station arrest

MASSENA -- A Massena man has been arrested following an incident at the Sunoco gas station in the village on Feb. 10. According to Massena Police, Austin J. Barr, 30, has been charged with robbery 2nd (C Felony), petit larceny (A Misdemeanor), assault 3rd (A Misdemeanor), criminal obstruction of breathing (A Misdemeanor) and harassment 2nd (Violation) stemming from the incident. Barr was arraigned in Town of Massena Court and remanded to St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$20,000 cash bail.

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Sen. Stec and Assemblyman Gray advocate for additional CHIPS funding

CHIPS funds flat in state budget proposal again, less paving possible

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- Under the proposed state budget from Governor Kathy Hochul, Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding would remain flat at \$598 million again, while state highways would see an \$800 million budget increase.

State Senator Dan Stec and Assemblyman Scott Gray visited Potsdam on Friday, Feb. 28, along with a number of highway department heads from around the county, to discuss attempts to secure an additional \$250 million for CHIPS.

"That's what we have requested and will continue to advocate for," Stec said.

Stec noted that 87% of all highways in the state are local highways, meaning they qualify for CHIPS funding.

But with the CHIPS budget flat at \$598 million again and costs rising, that makes it impossible to get ahead on repairs, reconstruction and repaving.

"It doesn't make sense to increase the state DOT budget so much and leave CHIPS flat," Stec said.

He said it was "embarrassing" to have to "panhandle" during road maintenance season in order to secure the necessary funding to update and repair highways.

"These roads can only go so far. Once repairs are neglected for so long, you move into full repaving mode and that costs significantly more money. But we don't have the

funds necessary to repair the roads as needed right now," Stec said.

Stec said the flat CHIPS budget reflects "the state not putting resources into the roads that need it most."

The additional \$250 million request would also go to paying for bridge repairs and replacements, as well as extreme winter weather road repairs and maintenance.

"When you look at the funding, the MTA (Metropolitan Transportation Authority) is funded five to one compared to CHIPS. I understand that half of the state's population lives in the five boroughs but what we're asking for is just a little extra funding for upstate highways," Stec said.

Stec said he and state legislators were confident in the CHIPS formula, noting it was "a very fair, balanced formula" that equally represents all counties.

"We're just asking for a little bigger piece of the pie to fund it," he said.

Gray touched on the rising expenses associated with road and bridge repairs, saying the cost of goods such as fuel and asphalt has risen 20% in recent years.

"There hasn't been an effort to even keep up with the cost of inflation. That's a big reason we're falling behind," he said.

Gray commented that when assessing the state budget and allocating funds for highways, Governor Kathy Hochul "only recognizes the state DOT (Department of Transportation) when we discuss

highways."

"We recognize that the purchasing power of CHIPS has been severely reduced due to rising inflation," Gray said.

He said \$8 million was included in the budget to restore the purchasing power on projects that were impacted by inflation but said more needed to be done.

St. Lawrence County Highway Superintendent Don Chambers touched on the reduction in buying power, saying the 20% loss will never be regained unless CHIPS is reassessed and funded better.

He, along with many highway superintendents and employees, will be in Albany next week to advocate for more funding.

"It's very important that we support local highway departments and projects but CHIPS is an essential part of that," Chambers said.

He commented that the "20% erosion of CHIPS means less paving."

Chambers said he has also struggled with recruitment and retention efforts, further exacerbating issues at the county level.

"We're constantly hiring at the county level...that's why we're also seeking pension reforms as well," Chambers said.

"We're dealing with constant turnover and these guys are working in severe weather conditions. We have to think about their safety when they're out on the roadways," Chambers said.

He also said nine municipalities in the county plow highway roads, a trend that is common statewide with 25% of all state highways plowed and maintained by counties and municipalities.

"It's important to keep the infrastructure in place but we need the resources to do that," Chambers said.

Gun group files with Supreme Court for Antonyuk case

St. Lawrence County attorney has worked 'of counsel' with GOA since 2022

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

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

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

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

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

Among them are requirements to take an 18-hour course prior to applying for a concealed carry license, a list of "sensitive spaces" off limits to lawful concealed carry, a "good moral character" clause when applying for a concealed carry license and a requirement to have such a license to purchase a semi-automatic rifle, among others.

Following conflicting rulings

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

Among the laws, new requirements were put in place for lawful concealed carry license holders and applicants.

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

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

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

Under the ruling, many gun rights organizations have since launched lawsuits against state lawmakers, arguing laws passed to ban "assault rifles" and high capacity magazines, among others, violate the 2nd Amendment.

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



Photo courtesy of Nicandri Nature Center

Sliding at Nicandri

The youth groups at Nicandri Nature Center have fun with all the snow during the winter break. Here, Titus Noreau, of the Wildings group, has a little snowpant sliding action down a large snowbank at the center.

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C.O. strikers gather in Gouverneur

State corrections officers are still striking across the state. Mediation between New York State and union leaders is underway. Union members are coming to the table with a list of "absolutes" they say must be met before any deal can be brokered. They seek no retaliation for those involved in the protest, suspension of the HALT Act, policy changes and changes to overtime, recruitment and retention of employees. Above are correctional officers seen striking at Clearview Restaurant in Gouverneur.

Blankenbush calls on Governor to stop attacks on correctional officers

OGDENSBURG -- Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush continues to call for an end to the HALT Act as correctional officer union leaders and state officials continue mediation in hopes of striking a deal to get officers back to work.

"Gov. Kathy Hochul's disastrous policies have once again put New Yorkers at risk, this time by attacking the hardworking correctional officers who are simply demanding the ability to do their jobs safely. Instead of addressing the root cause of the crisis in our prisons, her reckless HALT Act reforms, which have made correctional facilities more dangerous for not only correction personnel but also inmates, Hochul has chosen to weaponize the legal system against the very people keeping our prisons from descending into chaos," he said.

Blankenbush said Hochul is ignoring "clear data on increased drugs and violence" in prisons while ignoring "the concerns of those working in dangerous facilities." He commented that the governor is pushing to "hold 300 correctional workers in contempt and threatening them with arrest."

"What is even more perplexing is that everyone can agree we have a shortage yet she is using every approach and tool possible to ensure no one wants to work in Corrections. Where is the common sense? This is a blatant attempt to intimidate hardworking public servants while ignoring the surge in violence within

New York's prison system, which is a direct result of her failed policies. Wake up Governor, there is no win you can claim in this situation. Cut your losses before even more damage is done," he said.

Blankenbush said the governor's priorities are clear.

"She will bend over backward for her own political agenda which has been proven to put everyone at increased risk; including the inmates. This is yet another example of her inability to lead and her willingness to put politics above public safety. The people of New York deserve better," he said.

Blankenbush's statements come as the initial three days of mediation have concluded and union leaders await the initial offer from state officials.

According to NYSCOPBA Public Relations Director James Miller, day three of mediation concluded at midnight, Feb. 27, with NYSCOPBA officials slated to meeting with state officials sometime during the morning of Feb. 27.

"It is expected that the State will have a formal offer to the demands of those who have refused to work during the labor dispute. I don't have any information on any concessions or what demands will be met," he said.

Miller said if that were to occur, then the offer would be presented to those members still refusing to work.

There was no further update available as of press time.

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North Lawrence man accused of child rape

NORTH LAWRENCE — A North Lawrence man was charged with raping a child, according to state police.

Troopers said they charged 32-year old Daniel M. Harrington Feb. 27 with two counts of first-degree rape.

An investigation reportedly determined Harrington had oral and sexual intercourse with two victims less than 13 years old.

Harrington was arrested and arraigned in Town of Norfolk Court and remanded to St. Lawrence County Jail on a cash bail of \$100,000, officers said.

Troopers threatened with hammer by Hermon man

MORRISTOWN — A Hermon man allegedly threatened state police with a hammer after a kidnapping investigation Thursday, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies.

John E. Dobbs, 53, was charged with second-degree kidnapping and trespassing, officers said.

The investigation revealed that Dobbs allegedly restrained the victim, intending to prevent their escape by threatening to use deadly physical force.

The victim managed to escape and contacted law enforcement.

Dobbs allegedly fled the scene in a 2014 blue Dodge pickup truck, leading to a pursuit.

Dobbs then abandoned the vehicle and attempted to escape on foot. He ultimately stopped but threatened troopers with a hammer, officers said.

After some time, he complied and was taken into custody.

Dobbs was arraigned in Town of Morristown Court and remanded to St. Lawrence County Jail, police said.

OBITUARIES

Cherrie L. Perry, 71

Massena

MASSENA — Cherrie L. Perry, 71, of Roosevelt Street, peacefully passed away Sunday evening, March 2, 2025 at her home with the love of her family at her side.

Cherrie was an amazing mother, sister, daughter, and wife who was always determined to do right in her daily routine with every aspect of her life.

She was a very hard-working homemaker, loving wife to the fullest. Her love and selflessness will never be forgotten nor diminished and carried on by her immediate family.

Cherrie is survived by her loving husband, Donald; her children, Thomas (Jessica) Burnor, Carrie Burnor, Crystal Burnor (Tyler); her stepchildren, Angela (Matthew) Leary and Paul (Hidie) Perry; 16 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; her sisters, Bonnie Moore

and Donna Guyette; her brother, Eugene Guyette; and many nieces and nephews.

She was pre-deceased by her father, Robert Guyette.

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

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to a local animal shelter of your choice.

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

RECENT DEATHS

RONALD SHARLOW, 73, Massena, Feb. 20. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

SCOTT JOHNSON, 56, Brasher Falls, Feb. 21. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

JOAN MOORE, 75, Brasher Falls, Feb. 21. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

ROBERT ADAMS, 75, formerly of Massena, Feb. 22.

SHERRY SAUMIER, 56, Massena, Feb. 22. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

DR. DAVID ZYSIK, 67, Massena, Feb. 24. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

HILDA VANPATTEN, 85, Brasher Falls, February 25. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

ANN FRANCIS, 91, Massena, Feb. 27. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

IRIS SHAW, 61, Moira, Feb. 27. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

DONALD BRENN, 88, Ogdensburg, March 1. Arrangements with

Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

MONICA WHITE, 82, Akwesasne, March 1. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

CHERRIE PERRY, 71, Massena, March 2. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

DAVID MIX, 77, Ogdensburg, March 2. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

ELLI WEINRICH, 90, Massena, March 3. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

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OBITUARIES

Dr. David A. Zysik, 67

Massena

MASSENA -- It is with heartfelt sadness that the family of Dr. David A. Zysik, shares with you his sudden passing on Monday, February 24, 2025.

David was 67 years old.

Family and friends are welcome to call at the Phillips Memorial Home located at 64 Andrews Street in Massena, NY, on Sunday, March 2, 2025, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

A Memorial Mass will be held Monday, March 3, 2025, in Waddington, NY at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Garry Giroux officiating at 11:00 am.

David was born to the late Marjorie Jean (McNeilly) and Edmund T. Zysik, Sr. on July 25, 1957, in Amsterdam, New York.

He attended Massena High School and graduated from Kent Prep School in 1976. He attended Hartwick College and received a BA in Biology.

David graduated from McGill Dental School in 1984. He earned a Master's Degree in Orthodontics from The University at Buffalo in 1986.

He married Debralee Anne Deshaies at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Louisville, KY.

David was proud to join his father's orthodontic practice in Massena in 1986.

He opened an orthodontic practice in Cornwall, Ontario at the same time.

He later felt very blessed to



Dr. David Zysik

share a dental office with his son, Jonathan.

David was an avid outdoorsman year-round, enjoying snow skiing, snowmobiling, ice skating, fishing and water skiing.

He cherished making memories engaging in these activities with Debbie and their children, Jonathan and Aleesha.

He later found happiness in doing the same with his four grandchildren.

David also found great joy in running, participating in 5k's to even a 15k road race with his children and his grandchildren.

Throughout his life, David was an avid boater and Montreal Canadiens hockey fan with an affinity for unique cars and classic rock & roll.

He was also a master of the air guitar and so proud to have played hockey for Massena Central High School.

David and Debbie enjoyed the opportunity to travel to Australia, Hawaii, Africa, Sint Maarten and Key West.

His love for family, sense of humor, and his laugh were infectious.

Richard Arthur Cardoza, 78

Madrid

MADRID - It is with profound sadness that the family of Richard Arthur Cardoza shares with you his passing on Sunday, February 2, 2025, at the Hock Family Pavilion in Durham, NC.

Richard was born on March 22, 1946, in Potsdam, NY, the second son of Wilfred Arthur Cardoza and Virginia Agnes (Morgan) Cardoza.

Richard was one of seven children whose early years were spent in a one-story brick house built by his dad.

Family numbers increased, and in 1957 the family moved to Madrid, NY where Richard graduated from Madrid-Waddington Junior-Senior High School as a three-sport varsity athlete and honor student.

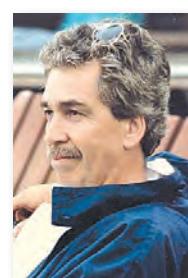
He continued his undergraduate schooling at SUNY Potsdam, graduating in 1968 with a Bachelor's degree in English education.

He earned his Master's degree in arts and teaching from SUNY Oneonta while working as the Director of Student Activities at SUNY Delhi, Delhi, NY.

His entire professional career was devoted to SUNY Delhi in a variety of positions including Dean of Student Life and Director of Admissions.

He concluded his successful 35-year career in the Academic Success Center where he advised students with learning challenges and founded the Online Course and Distance Learning Program, which continues to this day as an integral support program, not only for Delhi students but also for local high schoolers and community members.

It was perhaps here where Richie had his greatest educational impact. He was happiest helping people. Richard married Pamela Sue Thompson on May 31, 1980.



Richard Cardoza

They welcomed daughter, Katherine Anne on April 11, 1983. Katie was "his rainbow" whom he adored. And the feeling was mutual.

Richie, as one of the oldest of seven children, knew the importance of family.

And in his role as husband, dad, brother, uncle, godfather, and friend always quietly, and sometimes not so quietly, put others first.

He always listened. He always comforted. He believed in apologizing when you were wrong and insisted on being kind and welcoming and loving because "that's what families do."

He reveled in his annual trips to Florida for Brothers' Weekend and wouldn't say "no" to a good cigar, or an even better scotch.

Richard is survived by his daughter, Katie, and by his siblings Thomas Cardoza (Camille), Anne Dreimiller (John), John Cardoza (Dee), James Cardoza, Marguerite Salerno (Anthony), and Lisa Cardoza-Smith (Michael) and in-laws Carol Carrano (John), John Thompson (Karen), Jean Thompson, and Joan Howard (Mark).

Uncle Richie was a special gift to his nieces and nephews: Jessica Moser (William), and children Morgan (Joseph), Lauren, and Patrick; Jamie Matonti (Ron) and children Talia and Thomas; Megan Graf (Phil) and children Henry, James, Violet, and Isabella; John Dreimiller (Laura), Christin Salerno, Anthony Salerno, Jordan Smith, and Collin Smith; Mark Carrano (Diane) and their sons Kian and Eshin; David

He was instrumental in making certain that his entire extended family could share time together each summer in Long Lake.

David is survived by his greatest blessings in life: his wife, Debralee Zysik of Louisville, NY, his son, Dr. Jonathan and wife Elizabeth Zysik of Waddington, NY, with their four children: Annika, Jamison, Soren and Elin Zysik, and his daughter, Dr. Aleesha M. Zysik now residing in Fort Myers, FL. He is also survived by: Edmund Jr. and Kathy Zysik of Massena, NY, Karen and Tom Freidhof of Lewiston, NY, Jeffrey Zysik of Deadwood, SD, Michael and Julie Zysik of Perrysburg, OH, Daniel and Josephine Deshaies of Chelmsford, MA, Diane and William Toth of Fairport, NY, and Denise and Robert Holmes of Ada, MI along with several nieces and nephews.

David was a dedicated member, and communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waddington, NY.

Memorial contributions in David's name can be made to the Waddington Family Resource Center; 10 LaGrasse St., Waddington, NY 13694 or St. Mary's Catholic Church: P.O. Box 187, Waddington, NY 13694.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories, photos memorial trees and condolence online, by visiting www.Phillips-Memorial.com.

Charlotte Ann Chase, 82

Massena

MASSENA -- Charlotte Ann Chase, age 82, passed away peacefully, early Thursday, February 20, 2025, at North County Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Calling hours for Charlotte will be held on Monday March 3, 2025, at the Phillips Memorial Home at 64 Andrews Street in Massena from 3:00 pm until time of funeral services at 5:00 pm with Rev. Fernando officiant. Burial to take place in the spring at the convenience of the family in Pine Grove Cemetery, Norfolk.

Charlotte was born in Massena, NY, to the late Maurice and Katherine (LaPree) Kellogg on December 20, 1942. She attended Massena schools graduating in 1961. Charlotte met the love of her life, Wayne F. Chase and they were soon married at St. Joseph's Church in Massena on June 6, 1964, by the late Rev. Moody. They soon began their family.

She began working at the Highland Nursing Home as a Dietary Aide, and later Charlotte worked at Club 37 as a cook and her most recent, as a cook with Spanky's Restaurant retiring in 2001.

Charlotte is survived by her loving and devoted daughters, Penny and husband Kenny of Waddington, NY, Mary Kay and husband Scott Lanning of Massena, NY, 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings; Paul Kellogg of Redwood, NY, Dale Kel-

logg of Massena, NY, Larry and Mindy Kellogg of Wallingford, CT, Donald "Donny" Kellogg, Kathy and Myles Russell and Theresa and Jimmy Hayden all of Massena, NY along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Charlotte was predeceased by her husband Wayne F. Chase, a son Wayne "George" Chase in 2015, her daughter Toni M. Chase in 2016, two brothers in infancy, Carlton and Ernest Kellogg along with her nephews, Vincent Chase and Heath Kellogg.

The family would like to share a personal thank you, to the nursing staff for their care and attention giving to their mother during her time at the North County Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Memorial contributions may be shared with Massena Humane Society; P.O. Box 145, Massena, New York 13662 and the Shriners Hospitals for Children; 2900 N Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories, condolences, memorial trees, and photos online by visiting, www.PhillipsMemorial.com

Ronald R. Sharlow, 73

Massena

MASSENA - Ronald R. Sharlow passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 20, 2025, at Massena Dialysis Center. He was 73 years old.

Ronald was born on April 14, 1951, to Dorothy Lytle and Roy Sharlow.

He graduated from Massena schools in 1969.

He married the love of his life, Diana Beaudion, on August 22, 1970, at St. Mary's Church in Massena, NY.

Ronald was an avid golfer, playing the many courses in the North Country and a member of the Raymondville Golf Course, he was also a passionate fan of Syracuse University sports.

He dedicated over 30 years of his career working for Montgomery Ward and then Ames department store.

Ronald was a proud father to his daughter, Lisa, and her husband, Carl Nason; as well as his son, Mark Sharlow, both of Massena, NY. He cherished his grandchildren, Abigail (Mason) Truax, Alexander (Kate) Truax, Sophia Nason, Samantha Nason, Kayla Nason, and Mike (May) Nason. He was also blessed with great-grandchildren, Declan and Maisy; along with nieces and nephews.

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

Ronald had a deep love for animals, which brought him joy throughout his life.

His life was filled with love, sports, and a commitment to his work.

He was a very proud father and a devoted husband to his loving wife Diana.

He will be missed by those who knew him the best.

There are no calling hours or funeral services at this time.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be shared with your local humane society and the National Kidney Foundation; 30 E 33rd St #8, New York, NY 10016.

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

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Numbers could be result of 'technical adjustment;' Ogdensburg sees slight increase

Sales tax take in St. Lawrence County highest statewide in 2024

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – While local sales tax collection may have slowed in 2024 statewide, St. Lawrence County showed the most growth compared to other counties.

However, the City of Ogdensburg experienced only a slight increase, more in keeping with statewide results.

This was according to a recent

report issued by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli.

The comptroller's report said that statewide collections were only up 1.6 percent in 2024 over the year previous. Total collections were \$23.4 billion in 2024 and an increase of \$376 million over 2023.

DiNapoli reports that this is the slowest annual growth since the COVID-19 pandemic decline in 2020. The comptroller's report said the amount was "less than half of the

average pre-pandemic growth rate (3.8%) of 2011 to 2019 following the Great Recession."

However, according to the Comptroller's Local Sales Tax Collections by Region chart, St. Lawrence County gathered \$85.29 million in 2024, an increase of 5.6% from \$80.79 million in 2023.

The comptroller's report states though, that St. Lawrence County's apparent higher increase in sales tax collection statewide in 2024 could be

the result of "technical adjustments," not increased consumer vigor in the economy.

"Factors outside of broad economic or regional trends can also impact individual county and city collections," the report said. "These include the prior period corrections and late filing changes, which are referred to in Office of the New York State Comptroller (OSC) reports as 'technical adjustments' regularly made by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (Tax and Finance) to correct for earlier sales tax distribution inaccuracies. These technical adjustments can significantly affect year-over-year change in collections. For example, St. Lawrence County's sales taxes would have seen no growth in 2024 were it not for the addition of \$4.8 million in technical adjustments."

Quarterly collections in St. Lawrence County were:

- \$18.33 million from January-March 2024 versus \$19.19 million for that quarter in 2023, a 4.5 percent decrease;

- \$25.1 million from April-June 2024 versus \$20.49 million in 2023, a 22.5 percent increase;

- \$20.47 million from July-September 2024 versus \$21.29 million for the same quarter in 2023, a decrease of 3.9 percent; and

- \$21.39 million from October-December 2024 versus only \$19.82 million for that quarter in 2023, a 7.9 percent increase.

The City of Ogdensburg, which scraped in \$2.13 million in sales tax overall in 2024 versus \$2.11 million in 2023 [a 1 percent increase], saw similar trends to statewide averages during the year.

Quarterly collections in Ogdensburg were:

- January-March -- \$480,000 in 2024 versus \$500,000 in 2023, a 2.9 percent drop;

- April-June -- \$570,000 in 2024 versus \$490,000 in 2023, an increase of 17.5 percent;

- July-September -- about \$550,000 for both years, although there was slight dip of about 1 percent in 2024;

- October-December -- \$530,000 in 2024 versus \$570,000 in 2023, a decrease of 7.6 percent.

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AKWESASNE – The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe announced that seasonal weight restrictions are now in effect for all roads within the Tribe's jurisdiction, starting March 1 and continuing through May 15 each year. This measure is aimed at protecting the Tribe's infrastructure and preventing damage to both community roadways and the personal vehicles of tribal members.

The restrictions, which are enforced by Tribal Council Resolution 2019-31, limit the weight of large transportation vehicles traveling through the Akwesasne territory. The specific weight limits are as follows: Single-axle vehicles: A maximum of 6 tons gross load; tandem-axle vehicles (any two axles under 8 feet): A maximum of 10 tons gross load and multiple-axle vehicles: A maximum gross load of 24 tons.

These seasonal restrictions are intended to protect the roads from damage caused by heavier vehicles, especially during the spring thaw when roadways are more vulnerable to wear.

For more information, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Compliance Department is available to answer questions.

They can be reached by phone at (315) 358-2273, or visitors can stop by the new office located at the Teionkwarihwaienawà:kon Community Services Building, 850 State Route 37, Akwesasne.

Weight restrictions on tribal roads



Photo submitted by Massena PAL

Donation made to PAL group

The Northern New York Community Foundation recently made a \$2,500 donation to Massena PAL in support of programs and services in the upcoming year. Pictured are Max Delsignore, Assistant Director for NNYCF, Zachary Monroe, PAL Executive Director joined with youth members of Massena PAL.

St. Lawrence County birders urged to take on 'I Bird NY' challenge

Nine local hot spots listed on the state's Birding Trail

BY ADAM ATKINSON

North Country This Week

POTSDAM -- The state's 2025 birding challenge is featuring nine hot spots for bird watching in St. Lawrence County on its Birding Trail in 2025.

The challenge to spot a gray jay, boreal chickadee, black-back woodpecker, palm warbler, Canada warbler, snow goose, loons or other feathered avians began March 1 and continues until Nov. 1.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is encouraging birders of all ages and abilities to participate in the challenge to spot the most birds in the state. Challenge finishers will be awarded a commemorative I BIRD NY Challenge patch and a chance to win birding-related prizes.

New York State's wide-ranging habitat types, from the Atlantic Ocean's sandy beaches to majestic Catskill and Adirondack peaks, Great Lakes shorelines, and everything in between, create a birder's paradise that supports more than 450 different bird species throughout the year, DEC said in a press release.

St. Lawrence County itself is home to a large number of species. Local birding locations on the state's Birding Trail that are highlighted on the DEC's website [<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/birds/birding>], with commons species spotted, include:

- Robert Moses State Park in Massena -- Wild turkey, peregrine falcon, great blue heron, bald eagle, red-winged blackbird, snowy owl, ruffed grouse

- Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area near Waddington -- Migrating dabbling and diving waterfowl, breeding waterfowl, black tern, ring-necked duck, redhead, least bittern, bald eagle

- Upper and Lower Lakes Indian Creek Nature Center in Rensselaer Falls -- Sandhill crane, black-billed cuckoo, black tern, least bittern, golden-winged warbler, trumpeter swan

- Chippewa Bay Preserve -- Common merganser, common goldeneye, Canada goose, mallard, red-winged blackbirds, black-capped chickadees

- Hart's Falls Preserve near DeKalb Junction -- Eastern bluebird, pileated woodpecker, chestnut-sided warbler, scarlet tanager, song sparrow, American goldfinch

- Higley Flow State Park in Colton -- Scarlet tanager, rose-breasted grosbeak, common loon, ruffed grouse, barred owl, belted kingfisher, pileated woodpecker

- Leonard Pond Trail near Childwold -- Gray jay, boreal chickadee, black-back woodpecker, palm warbler, Canada warbler, snow goose, loons

- Cranberry Lake Campground and Day

Use Area -- Forest songbirds, warblers, vireos, waterfowl, loons, chickadees, nuthatches, woodpeckers, forest raptors, bald eagle, osprey

- Crooked Creek Preserve in Hammond -- Bald eagle, Canada goose, common merganser, cliff swallow, red-winged blackbirds, black-capped chickadees.

These nine St. Lawrence County locations are part of the NYS Birding Trail, a network of birding hotspots across the state.

The trail offers opportunities to connect with nature, whether watching owls in quiet woodlands, tracking shorebirds along scenic coastlines, or catching glimpses of majestic eagles along quiet rivers, the DEC said. The trail continues to expand with new locations added regularly through a nomination and vetting process, said the DEC.

The Department of Environmental Conservation said birdwatching is one of the fastest-growing outdoor recreational activities in the U.S. According to the 2022 National Survey of Hunting, Fishing, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, 7.4 million wildlife watchers generated \$10.8 billion in New York State in 2022, a press release from the state organization said. This is up from four million New York resident wildlife viewers spending more than \$6.4 billion annually in 2016, DEC said.

How to participate

To complete the challenge, participants must identify any 10 bird species of their choosing and submit a challenge sheet to DEC. More than 1,800 birding enthusiasts completed the challenge in 2024, the program's highest-ever number of participants.

Challenge sheets may be submitted via Survey Monkey or via email or mail. Entries must be received by Nov. 15. All participants will be awarded a commemorative patch, given a completion certificate, and entered into a drawing for great birding prizes.

Two youth and two adult winners will be chosen. Participants will also receive an extra prize entry for providing a photo documenting their challenge experience.

Birding enthusiasts can visit I BIRD NY at the website above to access this year's challenge sheet, as well as find information on where and how to watch birds, upcoming birding events, a downloadable Beginner's Guide to Birding (also available in Spanish), and additional resources.

"No matter where you live or where you come from, birdwatching is a fun, easy, and affordable activity that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, abilities, identities, and backgrounds," DEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar said in a press release from DEC. "Now with nearly 400 locations across New York State, the NYS Birding Trail welcomes new and experienced birders to enjoy both migrating and resident birds in a diverse variety of habitats."

Local non-profits get grant funds

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. Grant funding will allow consumers to increase the fresh foods they may purchase through the organization's Bonus Bucks program.

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.

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The Hermon-DeKalb Central School Board of Education Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2025 has been cancelled.

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Lawrence/Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Office, 40 W Main Street, PO Box 231, Canton, NY 13617. Bid will be open and read aloud at this time and location. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope entitled "Bid Request - RFB # 25-26 INST PAPER 1ST."

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

Bids opened and read shall remain irrevocable for a period of sixty days.

The award of contracts, if any, shall be made as soon as practicable after the bid opening. The Board of Education hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

COLTON NOTICE OF MEETING

The Town of Colton's Planning Board will hold a meeting March 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall, 94 Main Street, Colton NY. The board will continue work on a comprehensive plan.

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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, a section of Converse Road between County Route 49 and Sheldon Road is 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 27, 2025
Greg Crump, Highway Supt.
Town of Hopkinton

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE
Legal Notice
Notice is hereby giving to all potential creditors who may have an interest in the estate of Michael Joey David. All creditors must represent their interests to the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Courts by March 28, 2025. Any creditors shall contact the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Courts at 518-358-6300.

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All bids must be written in ink on the forms provided. A list of any subcontractors and solicitations of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) shall be provided with the bid. Bids shall also be accompanied by a completed Non-Collusion Statement as provided in the Project Manual.

The successful bidder will be required to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
Bidders must document all sub-contraction opportunities to the grant admin team and any Certified MWBEs they intend to use for the work in Paragraph 11 of Section 00300 - Bid Form. This is a private wage rate project.

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MASSENA ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
Project Name and Location: 30 Main Street, Massena - Façade
Sealed bids for the 30 Main Street - Façade, Massena, New York, will be received until **1:30PM, Thursday, April 03rd 2025** by the Village of Massena c/o LaBella Associates at 22 Depot Street or via email at mccocquyt@labellapc.com, tcassell@labellapc.com and bwashburn@labellapc.com, at which place and time the bids will be shared with the property owner. Proposal must be sent to LaBella Associates as the consultant of the Village of Massena and cannot be left with the property owner, per grant funding requirements. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted. Emailed bids must be RECEIVED prior to deadline above.

Single lump sum bids are required accordance with plans and specifications. Sealed bids shall be marked '30 Main Street Massena NYMS Façade Bid Enclosed - Do Not Open.'

Pre Bid Walk thru scheduled for at the site Thursday, 20th March 2025 at 1:30PM. Contractors will meet the Architect at the project location.

Bidding and Contract Documents are available starting Monday 10th of March from the Architect and may be examined at LaBella Associates DPC, 22 Depot Street Suite 16, Potsdam, NY 13676. Hard copies of the Bidding and Contract Documents for the proposed work may be obtained at Syracuse Blueprint, 825 East Genesee St., Syracuse, NY, (800-962-1458).

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BRASHER PUBLIC NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to the Town Board and in compliance with Section 166, Sub. 11 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, all Town Roads in the Town of Brasher will be temporarily closed to all vehicles having a gross weight in excess of the posted weight of six tons, as requested by Larry Hewlett, Superintendent of Highways. Closings are in effect when posted and will remain in effect until the authorized removal of such signs.

DATED: March 3, 2025, Larry Hewlett, Highway Superintendent Town of Brasher

COLTON PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuant to the Town Board, and in compliance with Section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, all roads in the Town of Colton, will be temporarily closed to vehicles having a gross weight in excess of 6 tons. Road closing goes into effect upon erection of signs and will remain in effect until the removal of such signs.

Dated: February 25, 2025 Kevin Hawley Highway Superintendent

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NORWOOD PUBLIC NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Regular Meeting of the Norwood Village Board will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6 PM at the Municipal Building in Norwood, NY. All meetings are open to the public, everyone is welcome to attend.

POTSDAM LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Potsdam on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 5:45 pm, in the Civic Center Board Room, 2 Park Street, Potsdam, NY. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments regarding proposed Local Law 1-2025 to amend Chapter 145 Streets and Sidewalks, §145-5 Keeping sidewalks clean, to include the addition of the following: The use by the Village of Potsdam of a sidewalk plow upon the sidewalks of the Village shall not reduce or eliminate the responsibility of the property owner for the nonstructural maintenance of sidewalks. If the owner of the adjoining premises fails to comply with the provisions of this section and, by reason of such failure, injures to persons and damage to property result, then in such event such owner shall be liable for such injuries and damages.

By the order of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Potsdam, NY. Georgine Scott, Village Clerk A complete copy of the existing §145-5 Keeping sidewalks clean of the Village of Potsdam Municipal Code is available at the Village Clerks office, 2 Park Street, Potsdam, NY, by emailing gscott@vi.potsdam.ny.us or on our website, <https://vi.potsdam.ny.us/public-hearing-notice/>

MASSENA NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Discover Core Wellness Massage Therapy PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/2024. Office location: Franklin County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLL) 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.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES
The Massena Central School District is soliciting Proposals for Construction Management Services. Interested firms are invited to submit a proposal for the management of a construction project in the format described in the RFP, which may be obtained from: Ronald Burke, Superintendent of Schools, Massena Central School District, 84 Nightengale Avenue, Massena, NY 13662, rburke@mcs.k12.ny.us, 315.764.3700, beginning on March 3, 2025.

Proposals must be received by March 31, 2025, at 3:00pm local time.

Note that the listed dates are tentative, and the District reserves the right to revise the dates in its sole discretion.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
BIRDDOG PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS LLC. Filed with SSNY on 01/07/2025. Office: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 25 FAIRLANE DR, CANTON, NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of EVOLUTION GROUP FITNESS L.L.C.. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Child poverty solvable, per county People Project

New York has a child poverty problem—one that we can and must fix. Nearly one in five children across the state live in poverty, and in some communities, like St. Lawrence County, the rate is even higher.

In 2023, 20% of school-age children here are growing up without the basic resources they need to thrive. That means empty pantries, unstable housing, and winter coats that are too thin for the brutal cold.

It means kids showing up to school hungry, exhausted, and already behind—before they even open a book.

I've spent my life working with kids. After 31 years of teaching elementary school in Ogdensburg, I retired—but I wasn't ready to walk away. I had seen too many students struggle with poverty firsthand, and I knew I had to keep fighting for them.

In St. Lawrence County, we take care of our own, and I knew the strength of this community could be harnessed to make a difference. That's why I helped launch the St. Lawrence County People Project, a nonprofit that works with all 18 school districts in St. Lawrence County to provide critical resources and programs to children and families living in poverty.

One of the biggest challenges we face here is geography. St. Lawrence County is the largest county in New York State, and transportation is a constant barrier. Without public transit, families struggle to get to jobs, healthcare appointments, and childcare. The housing crisis makes things even worse—there are few if any emergency shelters, and affordable housing is scarce.

When families struggling with housing insecurity need a safe place to stay, they often have to travel over an hour just to find a temporary option.

Through the People Project, we work to bridge these gaps. We provide mental health awareness programs, and early education support. This year, we expanded our mental health lessons into first-grade classrooms, ensuring that even our youngest students have access to the help they need.

Our clothing and sneaker drives, literacy programs, and winter gear initiatives have become lifelines for families.

Demand keeps growing—this year alone, requests for warm winter clothing jumped by 15%.

But poverty isn't just about material needs. I've seen young children take on responsibilities far beyond their years—caring for younger siblings, making meals, and trying to hold their families together, while their parents are struggling to make ends meet.

I've seen the stress, the uncertainty, and the way it weighs on them, day after day. That's why financial support for families is so critical.

Governor Hochul's proposal to expand the Empire State Child Credit is a step in the right direction, but it doesn't go far enough. We need bold policies that address the root causes of child poverty—affordable childcare, stable

housing, direct financial support for families, and stronger public assistance programs.

The Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council has laid out a roadmap to cut New York's child poverty levels in half over the next decade. Now, it's up to our leaders to act. Expanding the Empire State Child Credit is a start, but we need broader, permanent solutions that can break cycles of poverty by empowering families to afford necessities that enable children to grow up healthier, better educated, and more likely to succeed economically.

I've seen what's possible when children have the support they need. I've watched kids thrive when they have books to read, warm clothes to wear, and a stable home life. We have a choice: we can allow poverty to continue limiting their futures, or we can invest in real solutions that break the cycle for good.

Let's make New York a place where every child can thrive. Let's break the cycle of poverty—together. Because in St. Lawrence County, we don't just face challenges—we rise to meet them, with resilience, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to our neighbors.

Mary Wills
Ogdensburg

What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

It stands to reason that Republican/Trump voters won't believe that GOP billionaires are illegally dismantling our constitutional government. Nor that Trump, a spoiled rich boy, is their puppet.

Nor that budgetary "fiscal trimming" means underfunding or eliminating programs Americans depend upon. Because FOX, Truth Social and X have ensured that their followers are kept in the dark.

But I think the 21.1 percent of St. Lawrence Co. enrolled in Medicaid should know House Republicans have approved a \$880 billion cut to the program.

Did your elected politicians alert you about the security breach? How Musk, despite lacking specific security clearance, used his techies to hack the US Treasury website; attaining your SSN#, address, work history, bank and investment accounts? FOX claimed Musk had clearance and it was "no big deal".

The truth: It was the largest data breach in US history - putting you at risk.

Did your elected politicians explain Project 2025's details? About how it will eliminate constitutional rights and protections, destabilize our functioning government, ignore rule-of-law and grant capitalist billionaires absolute power?

Trump lied. He said he'd have nothing to do with Project 2025. Then, he immediately named the Project 2025 co-author, Russell Vought, as the Head of Budget and Management. Trump began furiously writing executive orders, implementing 50 (probably more by now) of its recommendations. Trump thinks he can use executive orders to bypass Congress. Constitutional lawyers say otherwise.

Where's the statistical evidence that across-the-board firings,

office closings and a federal-funding freeze will reduce taxes, trim bureaucracy and get the government off your back? There isn't any. As federal money dries up for agricultural development, infrastructure, schools, grants and tax credits, programs protecting vulnerable seniors, children and families, your state/local taxes are going up, not down, to bridge the budget gaps.

According to military sources, (despite your Republican politicians bragging about supporting soldiers), Trump is proposing a \$50B cut to the Department of Defense in each of the next 5 years. The VA is suing Trump for cutting their budget by 10% at a time when more, not fewer, veteran programs are desperately needed.

Elected Republican politicians and their media outlets want to hide the facts of Trump's punitive actions, the chaos of stripping citizens of their constitutional rights, the negative repercussions for you of a depleted, dysfunctional government and the danger for America and our troops if Trump caves to Putin. I hope you decide to find out, for your own sake, the threatening reality of what's happening.

Martha Hodges
Massena

Both political parties absurd, says Massena resident

Someone a long time ago told me a joke that went like this:

Question: What's the difference between a Republican and a Democrat?

Answer: Republicans love their country. They just hate about half of the people in it.

And Democrats love their country. They just wish it was a different country.

If this perhaps sounds like anyone that you might know, then congratulations. You're actually not crazy. Two or more different things can, and most often than not are, all true at the same time.

I'm speaking now to whom comedian Bill Maher and others nowadays refer to as the "Normies". What is a Normie? In the tradition of another great comedian, Jeff Foxworthy, here are a couple of possible explanations to assist you in making your own determination as to whether you might be a Normie.

If you are a lifelong member of the Republican Party, yet just could not bring yourself to vote for Trump in 2024 due to his refusal to concede the 2020 election, you might be a Normie.

If you are a lifelong member of the Democratic Party, yet just could not bring yourself to vote for Harris in 2024 because you just could not get over the not standing up to the post-modern, neo-Marxist left flank of the party, you might be a Normie.

Life is much more complicated and nuanced than our political leaders and their ardent cult members...sorry...I meant supporters, would care to have us believe.

I have often read within these pages some well thought out, researched, and written opinion pieces on the political.

I must say though that nearly all of them by my estimation are exclusively intended with criticizing the "other side", whatever that is. The

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

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message itself is usually something approximating, "This Party = Flawless and Angelic", and "This Party = Flawed and Demonic".

If one's default setting in response to an honestly held non malicious constructive criticism is to attack and point out the perceived or actual faults in the person who made them, rather than to debate and engage on the actual idea brought forward itself, then that really says much more about that person's ability to look at themselves and their own "group" or "team". Social Scientists refer to this practice as "Reputation Savaging". I've referred to it in the past as "Whataboutism".

I made a conscious decision and determination a very long time ago that I really do not like either of the two major political parties that we

have in this country. For different reasons, to be sure.

But if nothing else, it is certainly far more fun and entertaining in pointing out the absurdities in both. Lots of material to work with. Never disappoints.

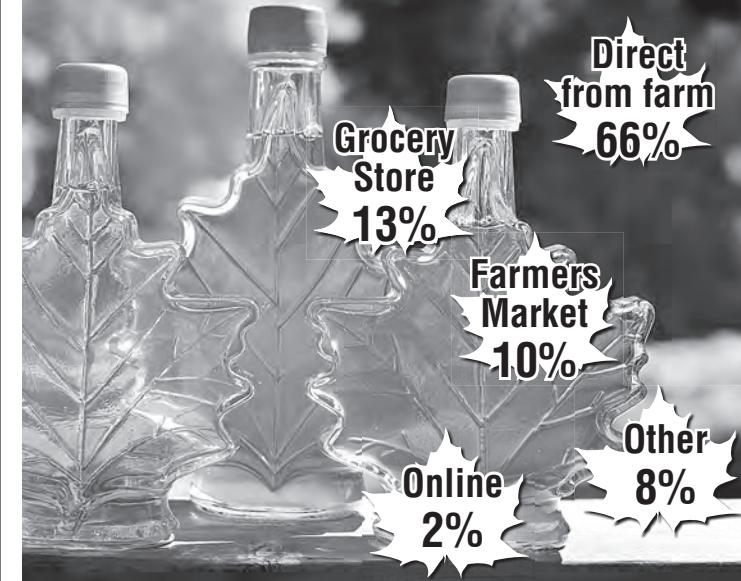
So, if this also describes yourself, please know that it's Okay. You're not different. You're not an aberration. You're not alone. You're actually the majority. Be proud. You are a Normie.

Leland Farnsworth
Massena

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR of North Country This Week are welcome and should be 400 words or fewer and are subject to editing. They can be e-mailed to Letters@NorthCountryNow.com, faxed to 315-268-8701, mailed to P.O. Box 975, Potsdam, NY 13676 .

NCNOW SURVEY

Most purchase maple syrup at farm



Debbie Morgan | NCTW

Last week's question

Where do you typically purchase your maple syrup?

WHERE DO YOU typically purchase your maple syrup?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Do you sup-

port the strike by corrections officers?

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New owner of Fay Motors takes the wheel in Massena

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Fay Motors is under new ownership but the dealership will continue on in the Viskovich family after Anthony Viskovich officially took over from his father Gill.

Originally started by his grandfather, Anthony said the dealership began operations in the early 1960's.

The company quickly grew into a mainstay of the Massena community, building a loyal following of customers.

"That's the biggest thing for us, we want to always put our best foot forward every time you come to see us. We really pride ourselves on our customer service and want to keep selling cars to our customers for generations," Anthony told North Country This Week.

Though his father Gill is no longer the owner, Anthony said he will still be on board in an advisory role moving forward.

"You'll still see him around, he's staying on to help advise through the transition," Anthony said.

What began in 2012 following his graduation from college as a way to help the family and earn a living has turned into a full-fledged career.

"I didn't have a solid plan coming out of college. My father suggested I come to the dealership and sell cars. Now, 13 years later I'm taking over the dealership," he said.

Anthony said the trend is similar to that of his father and uncle

Michael, who both joined the dealership in their late 20's or early 30's, eventually staying on and making a career in the industry.

He said a loyal customer base and brand relations have played a big role in positioning the dealership where it is now.

"Our customers are very loyal and we've sold to multiple generations in many families. For us, we want to establish and keep those relationships. Our service department also plays a big role in that," he said.

But maintaining established relationships isn't his only goal.

"Oftentimes I will get a new customer that comes in and they say 'I never knew you guys existed'. We want to change that mentality. I am looking to move the needle, continue to grow our business and expand our presence in Northern New York by being as aggressive as possible with everyone that walks in the door whether I have seen you before or not," Anthony said.

He said referrals are the "strongest advertisement one could ask for."

"We want a sales and service experience that leaves you wanting to tell your friends and family where you bought your new vehicle," he commented.

Anthony commented that his service manager has been with the dealership for over 20 years.

"Seeing a familiar face always helps put people at ease. They know



Photo submitted

Fay Motors is under new ownership as Anthony Viskovich (seated) takes over from his father, Gill (center). From left to right: Nicholas Brandt (District Sales Manager for Buick GMC Syracuse District). Gill Viskovich (retiring). Jason Rider (Zone Manager for Buick GMC Buffalo/Pittsburgh). Anthony Viskovich (New Dealer Operator).

they'll be well taken care of with us," he said.

He also touched on the brands Fay Motors represents, which includes GMC and Buick.

Following a series of buyouts at many local Buick dealers, Fay Motors remains the only dealership to offer their vehicles, he said.

"They have a great lineup of

vehicles and have some new vehicles coming along that we are very excited about. With Buick and GMC we feel we offer some of the best vehicles on the market, especially if someone wants a pickup truck or SUV," he said.

Anthony said he is "very excited about the trajectory of the brands" and feels their efforts will only help

Fay Motors continue to grow and be successful.

"Being local has its advantages because we have a loyal base of customers in the North Country. But, we've also seen many customers come from downstate and Vermont. That's something we really pride ourselves on, having access to in-demand vehicles," he said.

Though new vehicles are the name of the game, Anthony said customers can also find high-quality used vehicles on the lot as well. Just don't wait too long.

"We do have used vehicles from time to time but they never last long. There's a big demand for them, like any product from GMC or Buick," he said.

While customers can expect to see familiar faces and business practices, Anthony said he will continue to push to ensure Fay Motors is positioned in the market to serve customers well for years to come.

"I'm a one man band of sorts in sales, so when you come in I'll be the one that handles the test drive, the sale, financing, everything. Everyone who comes through the door will see familiar faces who are ready to help in any way possible, whether we're talking about sales, service or any other needs," he said.

Fay Motors' sales department is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays. Their service department is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Cheryl Shumway | NCTW

Brides consider wedding options

MaKayla Masters, of Ogdensburg, talks with manager Meaghan Flood and chef Jake Lord of Ogdensburg's Gran-View on the River at the 23rd Annual Bridal Expo held at the Best Western University Inn, Canton, March 2.

Trivia Night Fundraiser

Fri., March 14

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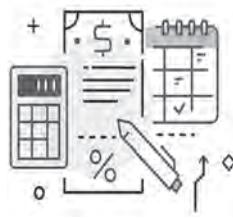
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Massena Transport donates to Ft. Tribute

MADRID – Massena Transport President Michael Zakarauskas and Vice President Gary Thompson made a generous donation of \$500 (Regiment Level) to Fort Tribute's Garrison.

The 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 several years.

Fort Tribute is a Civil-War era historical interpretive center located on the grounds of the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum in Madrid. For more information about the Fort visit Facebook fort-tribute or its website www.fort-tribute.org.

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Heuvelton teacher earns scholarship

Emily Pescatore, a Heuvelton Central middle school social studies teacher, was honored for her decision to enter the educational field. Pescatore graduated from SUNY Potsdam in December 2023 with a double major in History and Social Studies Education and a minor in Psychology. She was awarded \$100 by Franklin-St. Lawrence New York State (NYSUT) United Retirees. Originally from Pierrepont, Pescatore were selected from a pool of new teachers provided by NYSUT (New York State United Teacher) local presidents in both St. Lawrence and Franklin County. FSNUR is part of the NYSUT Retiree Program.

BRIEFLY

Massena resident honored

MASSENA -- Molly Witkop, of Massena, has been named to the Fall 2024 semester Dean's List at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind.

Nowich president's list

MASSENA -- Joey Abrantes, of Massena, has been named to the President's List for the Fall 2024 semester at Norwich University in Northfield, Vt.

Plattsburgh dean's list

The following Massena and Ogdensburg area students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester at SUNY Plattsburgh. The are Hannah Henry from Brasher Falls, Kasiah Burdick, Kacee Eggleston, Madison Frary, Mackenzie LaClair, and Samantha Turcotte, all from Massena; Mikaela Bova, Cheyenne Brown, Kathryn Cunningham, Jocelyn Erwin, Saige Estes, and

Gabriella Fennessy, all from Ogdensburg; Andrew Platt from Rensselaer Falls; Madison White from Waddington; and Lyndsay Bond, Gracie LaLonde and Chloe Ramsdell, all from Winthrop.

Lisbon woman recognized

LISBON -- Lynzie Lawton, of Lisbon, was named to University of Bridgeport's Fall 2024 Dean's List. Lawton was among more than 350 students named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a term grade point average of between 3.2-3.69.

Athletes honored

POTSDAM -- Senior men's lacrosse player Cobie Cree (Akwasasne, N.Y. / Salmon River) and freshman women's lacrosse player Jayla Thompson (Hogansburg, N.Y. / Massena) have been named SUNY Potsdam Athletes of the Week for the week ending March 1. Cree had a dominant performance in

Saturday's season opener, scoring five goals in the Bears' 18-3 blowout win over Utica. Thompson recorded three goals, including the OT game winner, and an assist as the Bears defeated Alfred University 12-11.

Ogdensburg man honored

Miles Gendebien, of Ogdensburg, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester at Tufts University in Medford, Mass. Gendebien is a member of the Class of 2026. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

SUNY Cortland dean's list

The following Massena and Ogdensburg area students were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester at SUNY Cortland. They include Emma Lalone, of Ogdensburg, majoring in Early Childhood and Childhood Education B-6; Elizabeth Rogers, majoring in Exercise Science, Ty Lucey,

majoring in Outdoor Recreation, Delaney McCarthy, majoring in Early Childhood and Childhood Education B-6, and Payton Puente, majoring in Economics, all from Massena. The Dean's List is the highest ranking for undergraduate students in their respective academic areas of the university. Students must earn a minimum 3.3 grade point average for the semester to make the list.

President's list for Madrid man

MADRID -- Freshman Kyle Murphy, a Business Administration major, has been named to the Empire 8 Fall 2025 President's List for his performance in the classroom in the fall semester. Murphy is a Madrid-Waddington Central School graduate. Recipients of this honor must earn a 3.75 grade-point average or higher during the semester, while participating in an NCAA-sponsored sport. In addition, the student-athlete must display positive conduct on and off campus and be enrolled full-

time at the member institution. The conference states, "Its commitment to serve the educational needs of its student-athletes is the hallmark of the Empire 8 Conference."

Iowa State dean's list

Alexander Brancato, of Ogdensburg, was named to the fall semester 2024 Dean's List at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Brancato is a first-year student in Aerospace Engineering, B.S. Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Locals on dean's list

OGDENSBURG -- Jethel Directo and Kaylecia Nieves, both students from Ogdensburg, were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2024 term at the University of Maryland Global Campus in Adelphi, Md.

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Sugaring soon to be underway

Maple Weekend returns to St. Lawrence County

Seven local maple producers will invite the public to take an inside look at the maple sugaring process over two weekends this March.

St. Lawrence County Maple Weekend will take place Saturday and Sunday March 22 and 23, and Saturday and Sunday March 29 and 30.

Each facility will showcase a variety of maple demonstrations, guided tours, food events, and more.

Sugar house tours give visitors a behind-the-scenes look at sap filtration, syrup testing, and grading.

The seven maple producers participating in St. Lawrence County Maple Weekend include:

- Sweeter Creations Sugarhouse, State Route 345 in Waddington;
- Orebed Sugar Shack, Orebed Road in DeKalb Junction;
- Trout Lake Maple, Chub Lake Road in Gouverneur;
- Brick Chapel Maple, County Route 27 in Canton;
- Southville Maples, County Route 57 in Potsdam;
- Shamrock Maple, Lake Ozonia Road, St. Regis Falls;
- Woody's Maple, Underwood Road, Hermon.

Maple Weekend schedule

Mar. 22-23 and 29-30

• Brick Chapel Maple, County Route 27, Canton. Pancake breakfast 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. all four days. Products available: maple syrup (pure) maple sugar (granulated) maple cream, and maple popcorn.

• Orebed Maple, DeKalb Junction. Guided tours, granulated maple sugar demonstrations throughout the day, horse-drawn wagon rides 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. chainsaw carvings (Sat

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Casey Basford, left, and Elliott Rodee make maple syrup at Canton's Saphead Complex in 2024.

Green Living Fair to take place at SUNY Canton

CANTON – The 2025 North Country Sustainability Day & Green Living Fair will be held March 29 from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at SUNY Canton's Dana Hall. The event is free and open to all.

The Green Living Fair portion of the event, which is seeking exhibitors, will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Non-profit groups, government agencies, and for-profit exhibitors interested in providing a booth, workshop, or poster display are encouraged to register for this event by March 7. (bit.ly/Green-LivingEvents)

Local universities, SUNY Canton, SUNY Potsdam, Clarkson, and St. Lawrence, are teaming up with Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County and both the Canton Sustainability Committee and Potsdam Climate Smart Community Initiative to organize this informational event.

This event's exhibits, workshops, and talks will be an inspirational way to learn how to save money with energy efficiency and renewable energy, and to learn more about sustainable living such as eating local foods, composting,

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Radiant Hearth owner Mark Seymour, of Potsdam, shows Carol Strome a radiant hearth at the Green Living Fair at a previous Green Living Fair.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

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.

Barkley & Gilbert

HEUVELTON -- Joshua Barkley & Laura Gilbert will perform Saturday March 8, at 7 p.m. at Pickens Hall. 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. Info: pickenshall.com.

Senior dance

MASSENA -- A senior citizens dance night is set for March 8 from 5-9 p.m. at 61 Beach St. The cost is \$7 at the door and live music will be provided by Small Town Ramblers. The kitchen is open 4:30 to 7 p.m. Public is welcome.

Snowshoe games

MASSENA -- Snowshoe games will be offered at Nicandri Nature Center Saturday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m., weather permitting. Free snowshoe rentals are available.

Women's History Month

OGDENSBURG -- In celebration of Women's History Month, the Ogdensburg History Museum will host a children's program on Saturday, March 8, at 11:30 a.m. The event will highlight the achievements of notable women, including sculptor Sally James Farnham, Dr. Mary Bryan, Lawrene Heller Connors, and Elsa Luksich. Farnham's Spirit of Liberty stands in Ogdensburg, while Dr. Bryan's healthcare work impacted India and Ogdensburg. Connors' research on amyloidosis and Luksich's WWII contributions will also be honored. The program, led by Nancy Wilson Mashaw, is free and open to all.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Bookbinding nature craft

MASSENA -- Bookbinding, a nature craft for adults, will be offered at Nicandri Nature Center Sunday, March 9, at 2:00 p.m. Registration is required.

Intro to skiing

MASSENA -- An introduction to skiing will be held at Nicandri Nature Center Sunday, March 9, at 10:00 a.m., weather permitting. Free ski rentals are available.

Public skating

MASSENA -- Public skating is being held at Massena Arena Sunday, SEE CALENDAR ON 13.

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March 9, 7-8:05 p.m. Admission is \$3. Skate rentals are also available for \$3.

Sons of AMVETS meeting

HEUVELTON -- Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., to host Sons of Amvets 1997 meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Spaghetti dinner

WADDINGTON - The Waddington Homecoming Committee will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the American Legion Post 420 on Sunday, March 9 starting at 4 p.m. \$12.

TUES., MARCH 11**Seaway seniors meeting**

LOUISVILLE -- Seaway Valley Seniors Club of Louisville, Madrid, and Waddington meet Tuesday, March 11, at noon at the Louisville arena. Anna at 315-323-0813 for information.

WEDS., MARCH 12**AMVETS 1997 meeting**

HEUVELTON -- Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., meets at 6:30 p.m.

Bird calls lesson, craft

MASSENA -- Bird calls, lesson and craft, will be offered at Nicandri Nature Center Wednesday, March 12, at 3:30 p.m.

Fishing lure expert

OGDENSBURG -- Fishing lure expert Jerry Lincoln will be guest speaker at Ogdensburg Public Library Wednesday, March 12, from 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. Go on an excursion with Lincoln with his extensive collection of fishing lures and knowledge he will share during his presentation.

Grief share meeting

LISBON -- Lisbon Wesleyan Church, 48 Church St., is hosting grief share meeting from 10 a.m. to noon. Register

by looking up Griefshare meetings near you. Info: 315-394-0898.

Nuisance wildlife talk

MASSENA -- Learn how to keep nuisance wildlife away from your homes Wednesday, March 12, at 6 p.m. at Massena Public Library. Guest speaker Bob Sommerfield will talk about his experiences trapping foxes, skunks and raccoons.

THURS., MARCH 13**Intro to skiing**

MASSENA -- An introduction to snowshoeing at Nicandri Nature Center Thursday, March 13, at 3:30 p.m., weather permitting. Free snowshoe rentals.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14**Color scavenger hunt**

MASSENA -- A color scavenger hunt will be offered at Nicandri Nature Center Friday, March 14, at 3:30 p.m.

Shamrock, Shenanigans

MASSENA -- A corned beef & cabbage dinner and trivia night will be held at the Massena Elks Lodge, 20 Bowers St., on March 14 starting at 5 p.m. Trivia starts at 6 p.m. \$120 for teams of 4 (21+ only). Prizes. Benefits the Police Activities League of Massena. Contact: Noelle@massenapal.com, 315-705-6075.

Fish fry

LISBON -- The Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual fish fries starting Friday, March 7 and running every Friday until April 18 at the fire station. They will serve dine-in or take-out and will start accepting phone calls for take-out orders at 4 p.m., at 315-393-5531. They will serve at 4:30 until 7 p.m. at the station. Fried haddock fillet (skinless), fresh cut french fries or homemade mac & cheese or half and half, coleslaw, and a roll. \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids. Hot dog meal for \$. Baked goods sold for dessert.

Karaoke

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

SAT., MARCH 15**Food distribution**

MASSENA -- St. Peter's Outreach Ministry will hold a food distribution on March 15, 8:30-10 a.m. for St. Lawrence County residents.

Irish settlement talk

MASSENA -- Massena Public Library is hosting SUNY Canton professor Sean O'Brien on a talk about Irish in the North Country on March 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Moonlight ski/snowshoe

MASSENA -- A moonlight ski and snowshoe event will be held on the Nicandri Nature Center trails Saturday, March 15 at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Free, including equipment loans. Fire, s'mores, cocoa.

Snowshoe games

MASSENA -- Snowshoe games will be offered at Nicandri Nature Center Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m., weather permitting. Free snowshoe rentals are available.

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urdays only) see and pet alpacas, raffle, children's coloring contest. Products available: Maple syrup (pure), maple cream, maple candy, maple sugar (granulated), maple flavored coffee, maple cotton candy, gift baskets.

Sweeter Creations Sugarhouse, Waddington 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. all four days. Pancake breakfast 8 a.m. through 4 p.m., syrup making demonstrations value-added product demonstrations. Products available: Maple syrup (pure), flavored maple syrup, maple sugar (granulated), maple sugar shapes,

maple coffee, maple tea, maple cotton candy, maple mustard.

Shamrock Maple, St. Regis Falls Open 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. all four days. Tour an "off grid" and "state-of-the-art" maple farm. Products available: Maple syrup (pure), maple sugar (granulated), maple cream, maple sugar shapes, maple candy and/or lollipops.

Southville Maples, Potsdam 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Newly renovated facility, samples, maple making demonstrations. Products available:

Maple syrup (pure), flavored maple syrup, maple sugar (granulated), maple cream, maple sugar shapes, maple cotton candy (maple weekend only), bourbon-flavored maple syrup.

Trout Lake Maple, Gouverneur. Sugarhouse tours all four days, syrup making and bottling demonstrations. Saturday, March 22:

Morning candy making demonstration, afternoon maple popcorn demonstration. Sunday, March, 23: Morning maple cream demonstration, afternoon donut making with glazing. Saturday, March 29:

Morning maple popcorn demonstration, afternoon donut making and glazing. Sunday, March 30:

Morning candy making demonstration, afternoon wax on snow and maple ice cream. Products available:

Maple syrup (pure), maple sugar (granulated), maple cream, maple sugar shapes, maple candy or lollipops, maple coffee, maple tea, maple cotton candy, maple popcorn, maple-coated nuts, maple fudge.

Woody's Maple, Hermon. Maple demonstrations all four days, weather permitting. Maple syrup and value-added products samples.

For more information, visit the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce site. CS Project Graduation: 68 LaGrasse St. Waddington, NY, 13694. The deadline is March 1.

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recycling, and reducing material goods, all guided by local energy contractors, farmers, and community organizers. A Green Jobs Panel will be a highlight along with other panels and a hybrid and EV car show that participants meet on their way inside. Raffles, demonstrations, posters, and hands-on activities for both children and adults add to the fun.

Organizers are inviting local food, energy businesses, and environmental organizations to exhibit at the Green Living Fair. If you provide products, services, tools and/or information to assist people in living more sustainably, lowering greenhouse gas emissions, and building resilience to changing conditions, and would like to be an exhibitor, go to bit.ly/GreenLivingEvents and see the "Register" menu button to register or find more information. Please register before March 7 to be included in future publicity.

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O'burg girl is state hoop shoot champ

Brooklyn Decker, member of Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club, holds her trophy for winning the NYS Elks Club Hoop Shoot competition March 1. Decker will now be competing in the Tri-State Championship March 15, in Wilkes Barre, PA, after winning the local, district, regional and NYS Championship competitions.



MORRISTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL Board of Education Meeting

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Tuesday, March 18

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Mural, Mohawk programs coming to Massena Library thanks to grant influx

MASSENA — Mohawk cultural programs and presenters will be offered at Massena Public Library, thanks to two grants received recently.

Northern New York Library Network awarded the library \$2,900 through their Advancing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

Grant.

St. Lawrence County Arts Council awarding \$2,610 through their Community Arts Grant.

The awards from both grants will be used to fund a mural in the Warren Room and Mohawk cultural presentations later this year.

Also, the grants will build the

library's collection with more titles by Native authors.

If you have suggestions for Mohawk cultural programs or presenters from

Akwasasne, particularly if you have ties to the Akwesasne Mohawk Nation, please email kbriggs@ncls.org .

Radio Ice Show presented by O'burg skaters

OGDENSBURG — "Radio Ice Show" will be the theme of Ogdensburg Figure Skating Club's ice show.

The annual show will be held at the Ogdensburg Golden Dome Saturday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5. 2 years old and

younger are free.

The ice show will have 68 figure skating club skaters, five soloists, five het performances, along with the three local synchronized figure skating teams sponsored by the Potsdam and St. Lawrence Figure Skating Clubs.

"Our show theme is OFSC Radio and is sure to entertain the audience with great music and fun choreography! The skaters can't wait to showcase their skills and all they have accomplished throughout the season," said Lauren Morley, of OFSC.

Register now for spring 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.

This course is geared toward beginners and those wishing to learn the basics of robotic design. Robotics Camp runs from Mon-

day, April 21st to Friday, April 25, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The cost is \$225 per camper for the week, member discount 10%. For more information and registration visit <https://northcountrychildrensmuseum.org/camps-and-classes/>. Space is limited.

Scholarship spots are available on a limited basis, contact: programs@northcountrychildrensmuseum.org .

Barkley & Gilbert to perform song favorites at Pickens Hall

HEUVELTON — Joshua Barkley & Laura Gilbert will perform song favorites on Saturday March 8, at 7 p.m. at Pickens Hall.

With music ranging from jazz standards and Great American Songbook 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.

They have been making music together for several years and they never take themselves too seriously, creating a fun and interactive experience for the audience.

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

'Legally Blonde' musical in Massena

MASSENA — The musical "Legally Blonde" will be performed by Massena Central High School Theater Department on the weekend of March 28 and March 29 at Massena High School.

Performances will be held Friday,

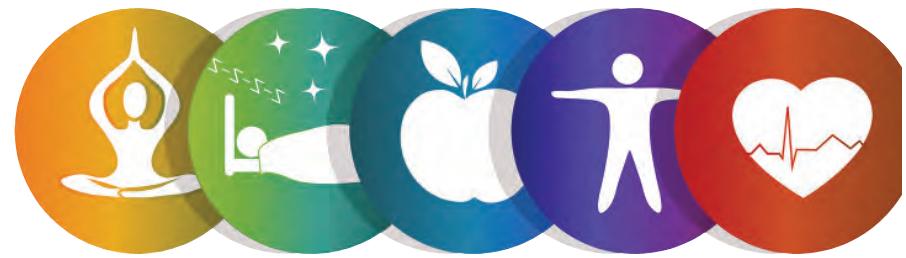
March 28, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 29, at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

For presale tickets: https://mhs.mcs.k12.ny.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1058043&type=d&pREC_ID=1354803

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Preparing for St. Patrick's Day

Brothers-in-law Justin Tredo, left, and Brent Bishop, owners of In-Law Brewing, Co., dress for their upcoming St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday, March 15, from 1-4 p.m. It will be their last big gathering at the original location at 5868 Co. Rt. 14, Chase Mills, before moving to their new location at 1003 Co. Rt. 39 in Louisville in May.



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Three tips to consume alcohol in a safe and healthy way

Some say abstinence is the safest way to approach alcohol consumption.

Though there's undoubtedly a case to be made for avoiding alcohol, there's also much people can do to drink responsibly.

Millions of people safely and healthfully consume alcohol. Adults who want to follow those individuals' lead can keep the following three tips in mind whenever they decide to have a drink.

1. Recognize that not all types of alcohol are the same. When trying to define what qualifies as safe drinking, adults may come across recommendations touting moderate consumption, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines as two or fewer drinks per day for men and one or fewer drinks per day for women.

But it's equally important that adults recognize not all drinks are the same. For example, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reports that a 12-fluid ounce can of regular beer is typically about 5 percent alcohol, while a five-fluid ounce glass of wine is around 12 percent alcohol.

A 1.5-fluid ounce serving of a distilled spirit such as tequila or whiskey has an alcohol content of around 40 percent.

Responsible, safe and healthy drinking involves recognizing these distinctions and curtailing consumption when imbibing particularly strong types of drink, such as wine and spirits.

2. Don't mix drinking and driving. The advent of easily accessible

rideshare services such as Uber and Lyft has made it easier than ever to avoid driving after having a drink. Despite that, arrest rates for driving under the influence (DUI) remain high.

The safest way to avoid arrest or worse when drinking is to let someone who has not been drinking handle the driving.

3. Count your drinks. Counting drinks is another way to drink safely and reduce the likelihood that your alcohol consumption will have an adverse effect on your overall health. Though this is true regardless of which beverage adults choose to drink, it can be especially helpful for those drinking spirits, which as noted tend to be served in smaller, though no less potent, servings.

In addition to counting your

drinks, establish drink limits before you begin consuming alcohol.

Such limits can ensure safe

drinking and may prevent you from drinking too much too quickly, particularly when engaging in social

drinking that can make it hard to corral consumption.

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Ways to reduce youth sports head injuries

The benefits of youth sports are numerous and varied. Making friends and getting regular physical exercise stand out as benefits of sports participation. But youth sports also pose a danger that athletes and their parents should not overlook.

Head injuries are a very real concern for young athletes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which collects data about traumatic brain injuries, says about seven out of 10 emergency department visits for sports- and recreation-related traumatic brain injuries and concussions affect children ages 17 and under. Preventing concussion and TBIs comes down to education and practicing certain safety guidelines.

It's important to know which youth sports produce the highest rates of concussion and other head injuries. Boys tackle football, girls soccer, boys lacrosse, boys ice hockey, boys wrestling, girls lacrosse, girls field hockey, girls basketball, boys soccer, and girls softball have the highest rates of concussion in this order, according to a 2018 report in the journal Pediatrics.

Young athletes should wear the right protective equipment for their sports, such as helmets, padding, eye and mouth guards, and shin guards.

Full-contact play should be delayed until later in adolescence.

Coaches should teach and consistently emphasize proper technique to young athletes.

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POTSDAM – Rochester Regional Health's St. Lawrence Region will host Partnering In Your Care educational sessions in March, focusing on the MyCare electronic patient portal.

The portal provides access to health information, direct connection to your care team, and tools to actively participate in your care.

The Partnering in Your Care model empowers patients, their loved ones, and proxies to be proactive in managing their care, whether at home, in the hospital, or in long-term care.

The public is invited to attend educational sessions at the three

St. Lawrence Region hospitals. The same content will be shared at each location:

- March 18, Canton-Potsdam Hospital, 50 Leroy Street, Potsdam
- March 19, Gouverneur Hospital, 77 West Barney Street, Gouverneur
- March 20, Massena Hospital, 1 Hospital Drive, Massena

Each one-hour session, starting at 10 am, will feature Miranda Bulriss, Communication Center Coordinator, who will discuss the MyCare tools. Attendees without a MyCare account can set one up during the event.

MyCare offers access to medical

appointments, test results, messages to providers, prescription refills, appointment scheduling, billing details, and medication summaries. It also includes advance directives, insurance information, and resources for medical conditions. Patients can grant access to a trusted loved one.

MyCare is accessible at mycare.rochesterregional.org or rochesterregional.org.

To register, leave name, phone number, email, and chosen location/date at (315) 261-5413 or email corporatecommunications@rochesterregional.org by March 14.

The initial warning signs of MS

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a chronic autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system.

Dizziness and a false sense that you or your surroundings are moving (vertigo)

- Slurred speech

- Fatigue

Additional symptoms may present over time. These can include electric-shock sensations that happen with certain neck movements. Also, trouble with bowel and bladder function and sexual function may occur. Loss of feeling and hearing or vision loss may occur as well.

Johns Hopkins says about half of all people with MS will have cognitive problems linked to the disease, such as difficulty focusing and maintaining attention. Memory issues and poor judgment also can occur.

Should a person experience any of these symptoms, it is not necessarily an early warning sign of MS.

A health care provider can conduct a neurological exam and learn more.

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The girls varsity team includes Allison Bell, Avery LaPage, Quinn Jacobs, Regan Pirie, Alyssa Flack, Adia Richards, Kylie Quinlan, Lauren Backus, Avery Blair, Emma Fox, Sophia Walker, Averee Bouchey, Alisabeth Warren, and Jalen Backus. The team is coached by Matt Russell and Sean Backus.

Lisbon Central School teams celebrate historic Section X titles

LISBON — Lisbon Central School is celebrating a historic achievement as both the boys' and girls' basketball teams secured Section X Class titles.

For the boys, it is their first Section X Class title in 20 years, while the girls have won their first title in 24 years.

Erika Backus, Lisbon Central School Athletic Director, expressed

excitement for the teams' success. "We couldn't be more excited for both teams and their successes this season," she said.

The boys' team will face Malone on Tuesday at 6 p.m., while the girls will play Chateaugay on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Both teams will represent Section X as the Class C representatives in the state tournament on March 11

at Maxcy Hall, where they will take on Moriah.

"We have some great athletes and coaches and have worked hard all season," said Backus. "Our coaches have done fantastic jobs with planning, implementing, and coaching our athletes. To play in March is exciting and we hope the teams continue their successful runs."



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The boys varsity team includes Caleb Ghize, Andrew Donaldson, Damon Wilkinson, Tanner Fonda, Ian Quinlan, Owen Jerome, Garrett Flack, Thomas O'Brien, Isaiah White, Logan Morrow, Cooper Rutherford, Logan Brooks and Asais Frison. The team is coached by Bob Jordan and Alan Flack.

Certified referee shortage hits youth soccer leagues

St. Lawrence County residents encouraged to become certified soccer referees amid growing program demand

The Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association (ENYYSA) is calling on St. Lawrence County residents to join its growing team of certified referees and assistant referees as demand for officials continues to rise.

Following a halt in activities due to the Covid-19 pandemic, soccer resumed in August 2020, with players returning enthusiastically but referees slower to follow.

Since then, Eastern New York has seen a significant increase in the number of certified referees, with over 3,500 currently registered—helping to fulfill 80,000 assignments in 2024 alone.

State Referee Administrator Joe Brosi emphasized the impor-

tance of engaging with local referee groups, stating, "I strongly encourage everybody to join a referee group. But don't just pay a membership fee, show up at their meetings."

With the growing need for referees, ENYYSA is offering certification and recertification classes across the region, with a focus on key principles such as proper attire and arriving at least 30 minutes before game time. The recent recertification curriculum has also addressed the evolving rules surrounding handball, a section that has expanded to over 300 words with multiple changes in recent years to ensure fairness in the game.

The minimum age for becoming a certified referee is 14 years old. More information, email questions@enysreferee.org or newref@enysreferee.org.

Registration fees waived for out-of-state snowmobilers to help support tourism

Hoping for tourism draw, all out-of-state and Canadian sledders can ride for free March 7-9

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced two free snowmobile weekends for all out-of-state and Canadian snowmobilers to rev their engines and explore what New York has to offer.

New York State will waive registration fees for out-of-state snowmobilers March 7-9, 2025, encouraging out-of-state visitors to come ride the more than 10,000 miles of snowmobile trails in New York State.

During the weekends, the registration requirement in New York is waived for already properly registered and insured out-of-state snowmobiling enthusiasts. Participants in these free snowmobiling events must operate a snowmobile that is registered in their home state/province and must carry any applicable insurance as required. Outside of this promotion, out-of-state and Canadian snowmobilers are required to register their snowmobiles with New York State before hitting the State's trails—from the Hudson Valley to the North Country to Western New York.

These free snowmobiling weekends, February 28-March 2 and

March 7-9, 2025, help boost tourism for State and local economies, and reinforce New York's commitment to the industry.

More information on planning a great snowmobile getaway and other ways to enjoy winter in New York State is available at iloveny.com/winter.

Top safety recommendations include: Inspect and properly maintain your snowmobile; carry emergency supplies; always wear a helmet with DOT-certified standards and make sure you wear appropriate snowmobile gear including bibs, jackets, boots, and gloves to withstand the elements; ride with a buddy or group and tell a responsible person where you will be riding and your expected return time; slow down. Ride within your ability; stay on marked trails; respect landowners and obey posted signs; never drink alcohol or use drugs and ride; frozen bodies of water are not designated trails; if you plan to ride on ice, proceed with caution and be aware of potential hazards under the snow. If you choose to ride on ice, wear a snowmobile suit with flotation built-in and carry a set of ice picks as a precaution.

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any expenses incurred in relation to the Air Products deal.

Part of the concern revolved around ongoing expenses related to the site development, which was wrapped up recently with the conclusion of ground work.

Felt said prior to the escrow agreement, Air Products was reimbursing the village on a per-invoice basis. Those invoices were paid in full.

On Oct. 30, 2024, the village entered into an escrow agreement with the firm, in essence meaning the village worked as the middleman to pay vendors from a drawdown account.

"Once the escrow agreement was

in place, they pre-funded bills that we have been incurring. This will continue until all the bills related to the project have been paid to the various vendors. My understanding is that once all the bills have been covered by the escrow, any remaining funds will then be turned back over to Air Products," Felt said.

That means taxpayers will not be on the hook for any of the work at the site, which Air Products, the village and county Industrial Development Agency say they plan to market and sell.

But billable hours for village employees who participated in numerous meetings, planning and administration may not be part of any existing agreement, according to documents obtained by North

Country This Week. Another major concern village officials have raised is the potential loss of a \$2.4 million Empire State Development grant which was recently awarded to the village for an eight inch redundant water line. Department of Public Works Superintendent Marty Miller said he hoped to repurpose the grant, but ESD would need to approve the plan due to a change in scope. He said multiple water projects in the village require funding, from a new waterline spanning the Raquette River bridge, to the Bowers Street water tower replacement project. "Hopefully they let us move those funds to one of our shovel ready projects. We have two or three water projects that need funding and are pretty much shovel

ready right now," he said.

Miller said the eight inch redundant water line, which was required to ensure residents and Air Products would have water supply in the event the main line failed, is likely on hold indefinitely.

"We have a 65-year-old water line there and need a backup but we were going to bond for the other part of the project. Now that Air Products pulled out, we'd be on the hook for a couple million dollars more," Miller said.

He said upgrades to the pumps at the water treatment plant will also be on hold until village officials can reassess. Air Products officials had previously expressed interest in helping fund the pump upgrades after Miller raised concerns about the age and capacity of the system.

Air Products had also agreed to purchase \$300,000 of water from the village annually as part of a water agreement. Despite the village signing the contract, those funds are also lost with the project being shut down.

Village and town officials alike say they were blindsided, with many saying they had no prior notice of the cancellation until the public statement was issued by Air Products officials.

Air Products had also awarded numerous grants to local clubs and organizations. The status of the grant program and those funds appear to remain in limbo at this

time, with no definitive answer given to North Country This Week as of press time.

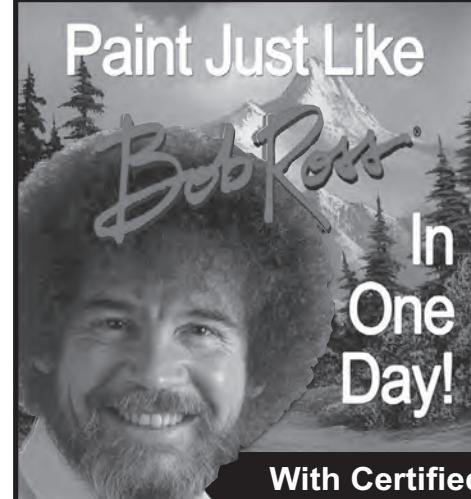
That clause allowed Air Products to cancel the project, ending what would have brought millions of dollars in payroll and taxes to the North Country.

Village and town officials both expressed their disappointment over the decision to North Country This Week, with Town Supervisor Sue Bellor previously commenting that a Jan. 24 meeting with project manager Trip Oliver suggesting the project was still moving forward as planned.

She said the new Air Products board had raised concerns in the subsequent days of the meeting, noting that concerns over the stock and a shareholder disagreement with the director of the company played a part in the cancellation of the project.

Bellor said Oliver told her Air Products intended to sell the site based on a Feb. 25 conversation.

"We will hope for and continue to be open to new industries for Massena," she said.



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handguns the department plans to utilize.

"They'll be Glock armorers, those at the weapons we plan to purchase and use," he said.

According to County Administrator Ruth Doyle, all expenses incurred through the training and arming of probation officers will come at no expense to county taxpayers as the funds to do so have been procured through state programs.

She said moving forward the county will assess expenses on a cost per unit basis, though she noted that turnover was very low in the department.

"We do have some pending retirements in the next few years, however, so those need to be taken into consideration," Doyle said.

Leadership, such as supervisors and directors will also require training, she said.

Doyle said the training will enable them to better relate to and work with probation officers.

"We hope to have resolutions for the committee in March, with final approval in April," she said.

Though LePage commented that no probation officers have ever had to discharge pepper spray in the line of duty, he said the carry of handguns is "purely for self defense."

"Like my father always said, it's better to have it and not need it," Legislator David Forsythe said.

LePage clarified that the probation officers would not be conducting any "law enforcement activities or serving warrants" and would be strictly carrying out Probation Department duties.

Legislator Harry Smithers also questioned if the officers would also be wearing body cameras in the future, something LePage said is currently in the works.

"We're looking at implementing body cameras but that hasn't been approved just yet," he said.

LePage said he has been researching policies and pricing the units out and will present findings to legislators in the near future.

Legislator Nicole Terminelli raised the question of whether the officers would enter schools armed when conducting threat assessments or carrying out PINS duties.

LePage responded that conversations would be had with districts but that so far "it appears most districts are comfortable with armed personnel in their schools."

LePage said he would attend a future superintendent's meeting to discuss the matter.

Legislator Margaret Haggard, who said she supported the measure, wondered whether a procedure would be in place to first use pepper spray before pulling a firearm in self defense.

According to LePage, that all comes down to the training and is a key component of what all officers will go through.

"They have to go through force of continuum training," he said.

That training, like firearm qualification, is done each year.

LePage said the officers will be required to qualify with firearms twice per year, as opposed to the state minimum of once per year.

So why the change?

It comes down to the environments officers are entering and the elements that drugs bring into them, LePage said.

He commented that when he first entered the field, most on probation who tested positive for drugs usually tested positive for cocaine, marijuana or alcohol.

Now, more individuals are testing positive for multiple drugs "sometimes four, five or six drugs," he said.

The types of drugs have also changed, with methamphetamine,

fentanyl and amphetamines making up the bulk of drug use now.

"We also see bizarre behaviors from relatives and neighbors as well," he said.

LePage said drugs were the primary motivation to implement the policy and training to allow officers to carry.

"Drugs are the leading influence for me anyway and we're starting to see a lot more weapons than we ever have before," he said.

LePage said more training is required than in years prior, with officers undergoing four weeks of fundamentals training, six weeks at the SUNY Potsdam basic peace officer program, as well as two weeks for firearms, he said.

"We're going to make sure our staff is extremely well trained and we keep up on that training each year," he said.

Legislators are expected to make initial approvals to mandate training and procure equipment next month during the Operations Committee meeting.

CORRECTIONS...

Agans said there were many people beyond those working in prisons that understand working in corrections is more than a job.

"This all could have been over last Wednesday," he said referring to the strikes.

Agans said Hochul and Maruscello had an opportunity to "restructure" HALT and allow for basic disciplinary measures that would make prisons safer for officers, civilian staff and inmates alike but refused to budge.

He said the individuals incarcerated are there "by their own actions."

"There are convicted felons who were tried by a jury of their peers or by a judge and found guilty," Agans said.

He said officers should "keep pushing, keeping working" as the strike continues to unfold.

Agans commented that Hochul "could steamroll" correctional officers, inevitably making conditions even worse than they were before.

"It's going to be worse if they get steamrolled. You know she'll close more prisons," he said.

Agans said interactions with inmates will also become increasingly more difficult if officers do not get a fair deal, essentially saying a loss would undermine their authori-

ty within prisons.

Dave Bronson also spoke on the matter, pointing towards language in the Taylor Act that states "mediation and binding arbitration are to give voices to unions."

He also touched on two previous strikes, including a teacher's strike in the early 2000's and a strike by sanitation workers that violated the Taylor Act.

"They were treated a lot better than these guys (COs) have been," he said.

Bronson called the Taylor Act "a joke" since it was implemented in 1967.

"You go all around the county, around this area and you see signs that say 'We need more COs.' Well, how come we don't have more COs?" he asked.

Bronson pointed to poor working conditions and unsatisfactory pay as a prime reason.

"It's a job no one wants anymore," he said.

A number of other speakers also took part in the meeting, many reiterating and supporting the concerns of officers and their families as the strike unfolds.

Legislators also took action, unanimously passing a resolution supporting the officers and demanding Hochul review and suspend portions of the HALT Act.

But to fully repeal the law would require an act of the state legislature, a fact that is not lost on North Country lawmakers.

Assemblyman Scott Gray recently told North Country This Week that more work was being done to meet the concerns of officers.

Following the announcement of the initial deal between the union and state, officers voiced frustrations with many saying it was "more about money, money, money and not safety, safety, safety."

To address those concerns, DOCCS issued a memo on March 2 to announce body scans would be implemented in prisons. Those who wish to enter prisons but are unwilling to undergo a scan will be forced to have a non-contact visit, according to the memo.

Strikes are ongoing at most prisons still, despite reports that some officers returned to work following an ultimatum by the state that they do so or face termination and loss of health coverage.

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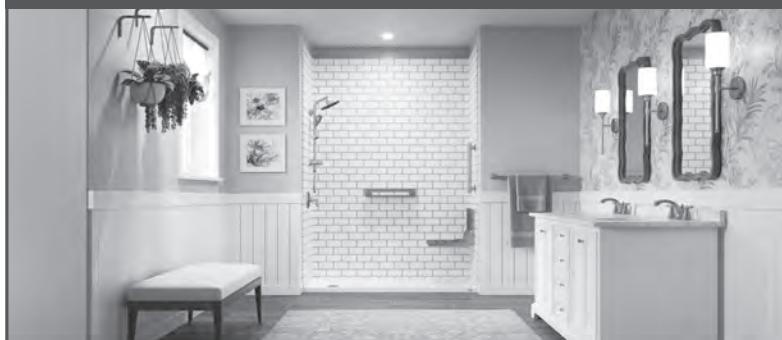
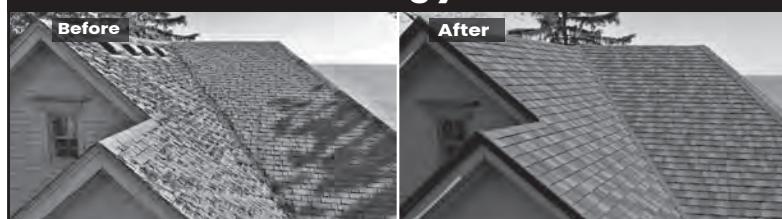
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- 14 Tehran's country
- 15 Pottery
- 17 Dweeb
- 18 Ecol. watchdog
- 19 Church meet-ups
- 21 Mellow yellows
- 24 Calendar abbr.
- 25 Train unit
- 26 Actress Cattrall
- 28 Rural buildings
- 32 Pharmaceut- ical
- 34 Crosses (out)
- 36 Cranny
- 37 "The Stranger" author
- 39 Drone
- 41 Roman 1006
- 42 Judge in 1995 news
- 44 Polite denial
- 46 Height
- 50 Sunbather's goal
- 51 Part of N.B.
- 52 Mob bully

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- 57 Baltic feeder
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- 59 Brady and Hanks
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- 11 Common conjunctions
- 61 Flich
- 16 Mimic
- 20 Male swan
- 21 Outlet letters
- 22 Actress Kate
- 23 Half dozen
- 27 "Whatever"
- 29 Lothario
- 30 PBS science show
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SCHEDULE:

- Monday to Friday
- 4 - Ten Hour Shifts (7-5)
- OR 5 - Eight Hour Shifts
- No Weekends or Holidays

BENEFITS:

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

The Clinic RN is the administrative liaison for the assigned Primary Care Department. The Clinic RN is responsible for assisting the Nurse Manager with unit organization, day-to-day operations, and the clinical management of patients and staff personnel alike. The Clinic RN will collaborate with the Nurse Manager to establish and communicate goals with all staff, as well as monitor and measure patient care and safety outcomes. The Clinic Registered Nurse also serves as the registered nurse of the primary care clinic and is responsible for the care coordination of patients and working cooperatively with medical providers and other team personnel.

Essential Functions (Not all inclusive):

- Assesses and triage patient condition(s) via phone call or walk-ins. Establish level of care and facilitate treatment plan. Establish realistic and appropriate goals based on patient specific needs. Deploy appropriate Nursing actions to meet established goals, through utilizing appropriate resources. Manage the physical, psychological, social and rehabilitative needs of the patient, including discharge planning.
- Assists in the care coordination of patient (transitions of care, DME supplies, etc).
- Administers medications and performs procedures, as ordered by the medical provider.
- Room patients assuring appropriate and accurate information is input to the EMR.
- Administers vaccines as ordered by provider, verifying VFC vs. private status.
- Serves as the backup Vaccine Coordinator for the NYSISI Program.
- Uses EMR communication noting that it is a legal entry.
- Completes vision, hearing, EKG, and POC testing as indicated.
- Patient education.

- Contact patients with Provider recommendations after laboratory results are reviewed
- Assist with implementation of quality incentive measures.
- Assist with resolution of problems/issues with patient/family/staff relations.
- Be familiar with and able to interpret and enforce all policies and regulations.
- Utilize and apply the American Nurses Association standards of nursing practice as a framework for professional responsibilities.
- Develop and foster positive staff morale and teamwork and be a positive role model.
- Assist with day-to-day staffing.
- Supervises the daily activities of the department to ensure optimum performance.
- Works cooperatively with the Clinic Manager to develop and maintain systems for collecting information to measure department productivity.
- Collaborates with Patient Care team in obtaining information/planning on new products/technology; facilitates the introduction of new equipment/supplies.
- Conduct department activity in the absence of the Nurse Manager.

Required Skills & Competencies

- Demonstrate ability to provide quality patient care.
- Must be able to function well in stressful situations and have good, creative, problem-solving skills.
- Strong leadership skills with the ability to prioritize and delegate.
- Excellent interpersonal, organizational, and written and verbal communication skills required.
- Detail attentiveness required.
- Ability to simultaneously handle multiple assignments and projects with speed and accuracy.
- Able to work efficiently and effectively under time constraints.
- Ability to lift up to 50lbs, stoop, bending, lift, pull, and twist.

Education, Training, and Experience:

- Associates Degree Require
- Current New York State License and Registration as a Registered Professional Nurse.
- Current BLS Certification
- 3-5 years of healthcare or related experience. Strong analytical, organizational, interpersonal and demonstrated customer services skills.

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objectives. Status: Non-Exempt, Full Time, Permanent. Salary: \$15.63-\$21.92 Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmtnsn.gov

The Research Foundation for SUNY (State University of New York), a private, not-for-profit organization, seeks a director for the Potsdam Institute for Applied Research (PIAR) to begin May 2025. PIAR is a university-based research institute with a mission to provide high-quality, cost-effective data collection, evaluation, survey, reporting and other research services to communities, schools, and agencies in the region, state and nation. Some responsibilities include: seek, evaluate and secure new external grant funding, supervise the execution of existing grant projects, work with advisory board to engage faculty and students in research, provide consulting and technical advice about research and applying for grant funded projects to faculty, exercise sound scientific/disciplinary knowledge to implement new projects and perform administrative duties of the Center related to staff supervision, strategic planning, budget oversight and resources management, assessment, compliance, and communication with stakeholders. Required qualifications include a doctoral degree in a social science, record of publishing peer-reviewed research, record of successfully obtaining grant funding and experience supervising data collection. For the full job posting and details on how to apply, visit <https://www.potsdam.edu/about/offices/hr/research-foundation/research-foundation-employment>. The Research Foundation is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Town of Morristown is accepting applications for a Part-time Employee to work May through September, Wednesday – Saturday,

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

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.

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24 hours per week. The job duties include maintaining the Bay Side Park and assisting with tasks throughout the hamlet. Applicants must be self-motivated and able to work independently. A driver's license is preferred but not required. The rate of pay being offered is \$20.00 per hour. Additional information can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office at 604 Main Street, Morristown, NY 13664 or by calling 315-375-6510. All applications must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 31, 2025. Applications can be found on the Town's website: www.townofmorristownny.org.

ULTRASOUND TECH needed. P/T Tues, Wed and Thurs 7:45am - 4:15pm AMP Urology in the Canton NY office. Apply at: https://usuro.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/AMP_Career/details/Ultrasound-Technologist_R1931

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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.

Anticipated Teacher – Massena Center: Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood or related field preferred (24 credit hours of early childhood). Supervisory experience is a plus. The salary range is \$20.02 to \$21.20 per hour depending on the degree.

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

Bus Monitors/Classroom Aide for Gouverneur: Candidates must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. Candidates should enjoy working with preschool-aged children. The salary is \$16.76 per hour.

Bus Monitor for Potsdam Center: 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.

Family Advocate – Parishville Center: Prefer Associate Degree in Human Services, Family Development Credential, or Social Service Competency Based training. The person will be responsible for parent involvement in the program. Home visits are required with families to assist them in securing services. Individuals must have a valid NYS Driver's License and mode of transportation to complete job requirements. Prefer a candidate with good communication, organizational, and computer skills. The salary range is \$17.69 to \$18.87 per hour.

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.

Morristown Central School

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RECONCILIATION UNIT SUPERVISOR

Community Financial System, Inc is recruiting for a Full-Time, 40 Hour Reconciliation Unit Supervisor for the Deposit Operations department, located in Canton, NY!

This position is responsible for the daily work flow of the Reconciliation, Data Entry, and Legal Units, including the supervision of employees, ensuring that tasks are completed in a timely and efficient manner and consistent with the needs of the unit and the Bank.

Essential Responsibilities:

Review daily and month-end reconciliation reports for accuracy. Develop and maintain relationships with various external vendors, including cash delivery channel representatives, various local and state regulatory departments, attorneys and IOLA boards. Interview and hire new staff, provide coaching and complete evaluations. Train staff on new process changes. Work with various departments of the Bank to help ensure efficiency and productivity.

Minimum Qualifications:

Education, Training and Requirements: An Associate degree or equivalent with an emphasis in accounting, specialized deposit operations education and training, or equivalent experience in a similar regulated industry normally required.

Skills:

Proficient reading, writing, grammar and mathematical skills. Above average interpersonal communications and supervisory skills; knowledge of the technical aspects of the deposit operations functions and knowledge of policies and procedures. Strong computer skills, to include Microsoft Office.

Experience:

Three (3) years of experience in Deposit Operations or related position required. Previous supervisory or equivalent leadership experience normally required.

To ensure our people can enjoy long and successful careers here at CFSI, we offer competitive compensation, that is commensurate with experience, great benefits, and professional development and advancement opportunities.

To apply to this position or to see a full listing of current openings please go to: <https://cbna.com/careers/work-happy>

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FRAUD CENTER REPRESENTATIVE

Community Financial System, Inc is searching for a 40 hour, Temporary, Fraud Center Representative in Canton, NY (This position may have the potential to develop into a full-time opportunity).

The Fraud Center Representative is responsible for answering incoming bank calls from customers and branches and provide customer assistance with fraud-related issues. Representatives will perform an immediate assessment of each customer situation, and follow prescribed steps to protect and prevent further fraud.

Education, Training and Requirements:

A High School diploma or equivalent required. An Associate's Degree in Business or Finance with emphasis on communications or equivalent experience preferred.

Skills:

Proficient PC skills including typing. Experience with email software and the Internet. Excellent communication and customer service skills mandatory. Proficient in letter writing using business letter skills. Applicants must be detail oriented and highly organized. Ability to maintain composure and professionalism a must.

Experience:

At least one year of call center or customer service experience in a fast-paced, environment required. Banking experience preferred.

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Office of Mental Health
St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center

Join Our Team at our Massena Wellness Center



Licensed Clinical Social Worker (Adult or Children's Services), Salary \$84,156 - \$106,545 - Job Requirements: Possession of a license and current registration as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in New York State.

Licensed Master Social Worker,

Salary \$72,032 - \$91,381 - Job Requirements: Possession of a license and current registration as a Licensed Master Social Worker in New York State.

Social Work Assistant 2,

Salary \$61,516 - \$78,307 - Job Requirements: Bachelor's degree in human services field and two years experience in social work experience.

All positions include:

- Comprehensive NYS medical, dental, and vision plans
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- Generous paid time off

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Clifton-Fine Central School is Hiring!

Join our dedicated team at Clifton-Fine Central School! We are currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- Library Media Specialist
- Vice-Principal/Athletic Director
- Elementary Teacher
- Secondary Special Education Teacher
- Secondary ELA Teacher
- School Nurse
- School Counselor or School Psychologist
- Technology Teacher.

All positions are open until filled.

For more details and to apply, visit www.cliftonfine.org/employment.

For additional information, contact Alison Frizzell at 315-848-3333 ext. 37198 or afrizzell@cliftonfine.org.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES (EO/AAE) is currently accepting applications for the following position:

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK

Location: Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES- Malone, NY

Salary: \$36,254

STARTING: TBD

DEADLINE TO APPLY: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Applications can be found at:
www.fehb.org/careers

Queries should be directed to:

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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 phronson@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

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.m@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 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@cantony.gov, will be received until 4 pm on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025. EOE

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

The School of Education and Professional Studies at the SUNY College at Potsdam invites applications for a full-time (12-month) Advisor of Graduate Studies. Reporting to the Director of Graduate Studies, the successful candidate will be responsible for the academic advising of graduate students across a variety of the School's programs, including the MST in Childhood Education. The incumbent will also review applications, meet virtually with candidates and advisees, and collaborate with colleagues to develop orientation programming. Additional duties



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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.

JOB 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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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

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Help Desk Technician-SLL Region/North Country #2025-220

Madrid/St. Regis Falls - Application Deadline: Until Filled

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide technical support and maintenance for network systems.
- Troubleshoot and resolve network issues for school districts.
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Qualifications:

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Employment Opportunities

Director of Construction and Facilities (Potsdam, NY)

Position Summary: Manage the operation, maintenance and repair, cleaning, and upkeep of University facilities, grounds, major utility systems, heating plant, planning repair of existing academic, administrative, athletic and auxiliary enterprise facilities on multiple campuses, recycling and solid waste management, automobile fleet, and the equipment and personnel necessary to support these responsibilities.

Lead a Facilities operations unit focused on customer service. Create and implement policies, procedures, and standards for the maintenance and improvement of the University's physical plant and related services with an emphasis on customer service and proactive communication with the customers of the facilities operations. Oversee resources for the implementation and utilization of asset management tools for all decisions made regarding deferred/planned maintenance projects. Direct oversight of Capital Projects team.

Minimum Qualifications:

Bachelor's Degree in Business, Engineering or related field. Minimum of 7-10 years of progressively responsible experience in the maintenance and management of major facilities and campuses with complex administrative systems.

Range: \$140,000- \$165,000 salary based on experience

Review of applications will begin immediately and continues until the position is filled. To submit your application, go to www.clarkson.edu/hr and click "Career Opportunities" below Careers at Clarkson section. An equal opportunity /affirmative action employer, Clarkson actively seeks and encourages applications from minorities, women and people with disabilities. [https://www.clarkson.edu/human-resources/career-opportunities](http://www.clarkson.edu/human-resources/career-opportunities)

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



LEGAL PROCESSING REPRESENTATIVE

Community Financial System, Inc is searching for a Full-Time, 40 Hour Legal Processing Representative for the Deposit Operations department, located in Canton, NY!

The legal Processing Representative is responsible for review of legal restraints information, subpoenas, Grand Jury subpoenas, Summons, and multi state and IRS levies; processing the documents required by law to restrict/or not restrict customer's accounts; providing documents and answers to attorneys and courts as requested.

Education, Training and Requirements:

A High School diploma or equivalent required. An Associate's Degree in Business or Legal Studies preferred.

Skills:

Proficient reading, writing, grammar, and mathematical skills. Strong computer skills with proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel required. Must be able to carry out written and oral instructions. Must be detail oriented and have excellent communication, customer service, organization and data entry skills. Must be able to prioritize and work effectively under time constraints.

Experience:

At least one year of office related experience in a legal position required. One year of banking experience preferred.

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- Adult Psychiatrist 1 or 2 (Ogdensburg)
- Associate Director of Human Resources
- Children's Licensed Master Social Worker or Licensed Mental Health Counselor (Ogdensburg)
- Children's Psychiatrist 1 or 2 (Gouverneur, Massena)
 - Dental Assistant
 - Dental Hygienist
 - Dentist 1 or 2
 - Housekeeper
 - Licensed Practical Nurse
- Outpatient Licensed Clinical Social Worker (Ogdensburg, Massena)
- Mental Health Therapy Aide (Adult, Children)
- Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatry (Ogdensburg, Massena)
 - Office Assistant 2 (Keyboard, Ogdensburg)
- Office Assistant 2 (Keyboard, Ogdensburg Outpatient)
- Outpatient Licensed Master Social Worker or Licensed Mental Health Counselor (Massena)
 - Principal Psychologist
 - Registered Nurse 1 (Adult, Children)
- Registered Nurse 3, (Nurse Educator) Evenings
 - Treatment Team Leader (Massena)
 - Social Work Assistant 2 (Massena)
 - Social Work Supervisor 1 (Massena)
- Social Worker (Children's Inpatient, Massena Outpatient)

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

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

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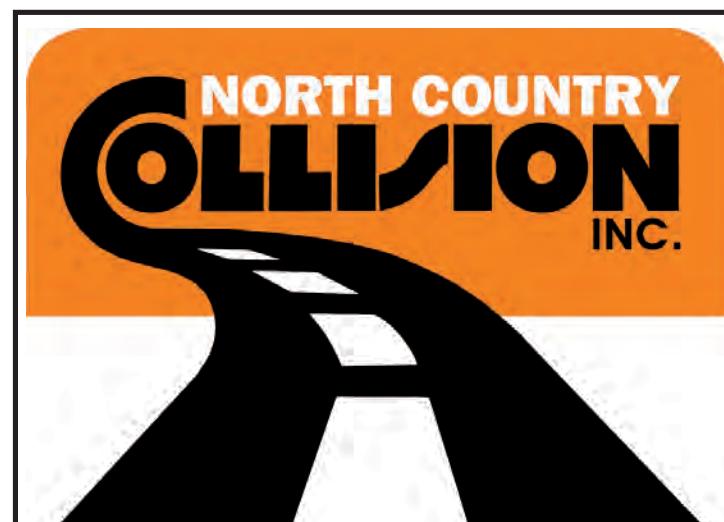
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