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Few candidates in Canton village election so far

Supervisor, two town
council terms expiring

BY JOSH DAVIS
North Country This Week

CANTON— So far only one candidate has filed a petition to run for town supervisor in Canton in the November election, according to St. Lawrence County Board of Elections officials.

Sherri A. Snyder, a local court clerk and real estate broker, is running as a Republican in hopes of becoming town supervisor in Canton. Snyder is also running on the Conservative ticket for the supervisor race.

Currently, Snyder is alone in the race, as no other candidates have notified the St. Lawrence County Board of Elections of their intention to run for any of the town's open seats. Interested candidates are required to submit a signed petition to the St. Lawrence County Board of Elections in order to run for office.

The office of Supervisor and two seats on the town board are up for reelection this November. The two town council members whose terms are expiring are Deputy Supervisor John Taillon and Jim Smith. Taillon has filed to run for another term on the town council, representing the



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County OKs arming probation officers

BY JEFF CHUDINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Probation officers will now have the opportunity to be armed for self-defense purposes if they so choose following county action.

Legislators approved a resolution during the Full Board meeting on April 7, clearing the way for officers who work in an "evolving and challenging environment" to carry handguns.

The approval comes after weeks of research, policy review and discussions regarding the subject.

"The process of implementation in St. Lawrence County has been well-informed and intentional, as it has included the continued work of the Board Appointed Committee, and information gathered from staff, to ensure that all aspects of the decision are considered carefully before a recommendation is made," legislators said.

After consideration, the committee appointed



Protestors lined Main Street in Potsdam to protest Pres. Donald Trump's policies Saturday.

Picketers protest government spending cuts in Potsdam

Despite light rain, rallies in Potsdam and Massena Saturday were among more than 1,200 nationwide protesting the way President Donald Trump is running the country.

The "Hands Off!" demonstrations were organized in all 50 states by more than 150 groups including civil rights organizations, labor unions, LBGTQ+ advocates, veterans and elections

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to implement the arming program suggested five areas that required more work, leading to more research, policy reviews, training reviews, budget reviews and an implementation plan being developed.

Subcommittees were established for each of the five subjects, with legislators, members of the public, key county stakeholders and members of the Probation Department field and supervisory staff all participating.

Subcommittees met four times each, completing their work on Feb. 13, with the board appointed committee bringing final recommendations to the board on Feb. 27.

Now, probation officers will be able to be armed by this summer, officials said.

Probation Director Tim LePage said the nature of the job has changed, as officers encounter more

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Potsdam village budget could levy more taxes

Trustees, mayor honing down
numbers at workshops

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Village trustees, department heads and the mayor are in the midst of honing down the budget for 2025-2026 and the tentative budget thus far shows the lion's share of the fiscal plan to be static costs like contractual salaries and retirement costs.

The almost \$14 million budget for the coming year — which includes the general fund, water, sewer, hydro-electric, recreation and trash funds — is still just tentative at this point and subject to change. However, increases are expected in the tax rate and overall tax levy as village officials work around the municipality's static costs of operation.

The village board held a budget workshop Monday, April 7 and another was planned Tuesday, April 8 to

work on the numbers. A public hearing was also held on the tentative budget Monday prior to the work session and general meeting, but no one from the public voiced any comments.

According to the village's tentative budget document on the village website, the overall tax levy for the general fund will increase to \$4,647,924 versus the 2024-2025 adopted budget of \$3,896,392, a jump of \$751,532. Appropriations for the general fund so far show \$8,290,619 in 2025-2026 versus \$7,572,979 in 2024-2025, a 9 percent increase in spending.

Retirement costs, which are contractual and can't be changed, figure in as a high cost for the village this coming year with a combined 40 percent increase compared to the current year. Salary

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Courtesy Potsdam Volunteer Fire Department

Rookie of the Year

Members of the Potsdam Fire Department gathered Saturday evening, March 29, for their annual Ladies Night Banquet, held at the Potsdam Elks Lodge. Sam Allen was presented the Rookie of the Year award. He is pictured above receiving a plaque from Asst. Chief Farnsworth.

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Boathouse plans for Ives Park flowing along, grand opening set in May with paddle race

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Plans to locate a boat storage shed for kayaks and canoes in Ives Park are flowing along.

A boat race, the Potsdam Paddle, will kick off the grand opening of the boathouse on May 31 at 10 a.m., Village Trustee Sharon Williams told fellow board members at the village meeting April 7.

"We are working on the boathouse project in Ives Park," Williams said.

Williams said the boathouse, a repurposed storage building already in the village's possession, will be located along the tree line near the

farmer's market pavilion and all night parking lot, and not in the center of the park, Williams said.

"And along with opening the boathouse, we will have our first, hopefully, annual boat race, which is a 1- to 2-mile, encouraging families to come out," Williams said. "It's called the Potsdam Paddle. It's going to be on Saturday, May 31st at 10 a.m."

Williams thanked resident Will Siegfried and fellow Trustee Lynzie Shulte for helping to organize the race.

The boathouse installation continues the village's move to develop Ives Park as a kayak and canoe launch destination in downtown Potsdam,

and part of the board's recent move to consolidate its Parks and Recreation Department.

The park currently has a kayak and canoe launch into the Raquette River which the village installs in warmer months, and local paddlers have made the park a favored launch point into the river.

Other recent developments in Ives have included a farmer's market pavilion and a bathroom building (which will officially open this Saturday, April 12).

The park also features an outdoor adventure playground for children, concert gazebo and veterans monument.

McDonough selected as Canton school superintendent

CANTON — Dr. Joseph McDonough is expected to become the next Superintendent of Canton Central School District.

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Superintendent Thomas Burns announced April 4 that McDonough advanced as the sole candidate.

The board announced that McDonough accepted the offer and contract negotiations have begun in preparation for the current Canton Middle School Principal to take the district's top administrative role.

Several weeks ago, McDonough was listed as a finalist for the position along with Ms. Kristen Towne. The board held the first round of interviews March 11 and both finalists

participated in community forums and stakeholder interviews.

Board of Education President, Crissy Martin commended McDonough's credentials, saying, "with 17 years of dedicated service to the district and a leadership philosophy grounded in relationships and systems, Dr. McDonough brings a deep understanding of our school community and a clear vision for its continued success. The Board of Education would like to sincerely thank all stakeholders who provided feedback throughout the process."

The board will approve Dr. McDonough's contract and formally appoint him to the position at a future board meeting.

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Puppet show at Children's Museum

The Kids on the Block: Disability Awareness Program visited the North Country Children's Museum in Potsdam recently to perform a puppet show to give children a deeper understanding of developmental disabilities, including autism, cerebral palsy, and learning differences. From left, back row, Aubrey, Chase, and Laurie Cameron, and Jim Williams. Front row, Sadie Cameron and Easton Cameron.

BRIEFLY

Sexual abuse of child

CANTON—State police say a Canton male was arrested Wednesday for allegedly engaging in the sexual abuse of an 11-year-old victim. Stephen M. Kocienski, 31, of Canton, was charged April 2 with one count first degree sexual abuse (D felony) and one count endangering the welfare of a child (A misdemeanor), State Police say. Troopers report that charges stem from an incident reported in March 2024 involving an 11-year-old victim at a residence in the town of Canton. State Police report that a thorough investigation led to Kocienski's arrest. Kocienski was remanded to St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$30,000 cash bail, \$60,000 bond, or \$100,000 partially secured bond. State Police were assisted by the St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office

and St. Lawrence County Child Protective Services.

Menacing with machete

NORFOLK — A Morristown man is facing multiple charges after allegedly threatening another person with a machete during an argument, according to state police. Troopers responded April 3 around 6:51 p.m. to a report of a man threatening individuals with a machete on Hutchins Street. Police say 50-year-old Andrew W. Mason was involved in a verbal altercation with another individual when he allegedly swung and brandished the weapon at the victim. Mason was charged with second-degree menacing and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, police said. Mason was released under the supervision of probation, officers said.

Ives Park bathrooms to officially open April 12 during community cleanup day

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — The village will officially open its new Ives Park bathroom facility this Saturday (April 12).

The grand opening will coincide with the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce's Community Cleanup Day which will launch in Ives Park at 9 a.m. Volunteers will then work on cleanup efforts around the village until 1 p.m.

At the village board meeting April 7, Mayor Alexandra Jacobs Wilke said village officials will cut the ribbon for the new privy at the beginning of the clean up day activity and invited the public to attend.

"I did want to invite anyone who's interested to come to the Community Cleanup Day co-sponsored with the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce this Saturday in Ives Park, where it kicks off at 9 a.m.," Wilke said at the board meeting.

"We are always really grateful for everyone who comes out and steps up to serve their community on that day and every day. We're going to open things with the official opening of our new restroom facility in Ives Park, which is now complete."

Wilke said the bathhouse still needs a few finishing touches like signage but will be ready to use.

"I for one am very much looking forward to having facilities available in the park for when nature calls and you're there... with a little one, but I know there's plenty of folks who are really excited to have this to support events and just for people who are out for a walk in the community and need to run in really quickly," Wilke said.

Wilke thanked local contractor Everett Scanlon who did the work on the building.

"He did a great job. It's beautiful inside, as you will see," she said.

She also credited Village DPW Supervisor Greg Thompson, Village Administrator Isabelle Gates-Shult and Treasurer Erica Leonard for their work on the project over the last year. Wilke said the funding for the project came through the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

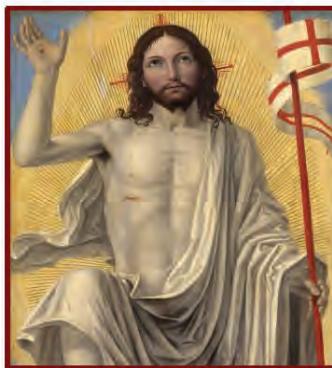
"That ribbon cutting event will be held right at the very beginning of the clean up day and that way it'll be ready for everyone to use and test out," said Wilke.

"We'll be providing some more

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information on the hours of operation in the building and just asking for everyone's participation in keeping it nice and clean and well kept

and letting us know if you find any issues and we'll have information about that at the event and any signs to be posted," the mayor said.



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Time to prune your apple trees

Remember to prune your apple trees! As Joel Howie of Canton Apples said when CCE hosted him for a workshop, "It's best to do it when not only the trees are dormant, but the insects and diseases as well." If your trees need pruning and you don't know where to start, consult the Cornell Guide

to Growing Fruit at Home. The entire book is available online for free and includes information about growing apples, berries, grapes, and many other favorite fruits. Go to stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu and search for "fruit cultivation" to find this and other handy gardening resources.



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Register now for Wild Plant Tasting Tour

Registration is open for a hands-on Wild Plant Tasting Tour with Pat Banker of CCE Franklin County pictured here in a past foraging workshop. The May 20 event is at the Extension Learning Farm in Canton where Pat will lead participants on a walk to identify and learn about historic and current uses of wild plants. The workshop will culminate with the group bringing the

results of their 'free-range shopping' to the Harvest Kitchen to prepare them for lunch. Pat is an expert forager and Wild Edibles Instructor, a Certified Master Food Preservation Instructor, and a 4H Youth Program Educator. Read more and register by visiting the CCE SLC events page at stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu/events. The event is offered on a sliding scale of \$20-50.

The Truth About No Mow May

BY ANNEKE LARRANCE

Master Gardener Volunteer at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of St. Lawrence County

As spring arrives, there are again conversations about the meme No Mow May.

This is a movement to restrict lawn mowing in May to encourage flowering plants that provide nectar for pollinators.

In this article I'll share the history of the movement with suggestions for pollinator support that is more applicable to northern New York.

The original concept of leaving grass long in the spring started in 2019 from Plantlife, a British organization. Their climate, however, is very different from the North Country, so it leads to the question, "Do their results apply here?". The Cornell Turf Team from CCE of Westchester did research in 2024 to test the concept. What the Turf Team and others (such as CCE Eric County, Lake-Land Today, Cornell Turf Grass, and CCE Putnam County) observed indicates that No Mow May did not significantly increase the nectar sugar available to pollinators by June nor was it helpful in the long run. It did not increase the pollinator populations.

In fact, not mowing in May leads to additional concerns, such as grass health. Grass that is not mowed for a month can grow to 10-12 inches. Trying to catch up in June leads to cutting more than one third of the grass blade. This can cause the grass to go into shock and compromise the turf quality before the hot, dry summer. Additionally, small animals (like frogs, ground-nesting birds, rabbits, and snakes) that may make their home in the long grass are disrupted or harmed when the grass is mowed in June. Often the dandelions and ground ivy—which do provide nectar for pollinators in the spring—are smothered by longer grass.

Here are four better ways to increase springtime nectar for pollinators. Continue to mow the lawn, maintaining a height of three and a half to four inches so that the dandelions, wild strawberries, and clover can bloom. Plant bulbs (daffodils, tulips, crocus) in fall, to provide nectar in early spring. Plant early blooming shrubs, trees, and native flowering plants or hang a planter. Eliminate or reduce the use of chemicals on lawn areas.

In fact, a better theme for our region might be the one shared by Joellen Lampman in conjunction with the Cornell Turf Team, "Mow HIGH, May, June, and July."

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Celebrating spring with creativity

Madison La Pointe holds her completed bird craft celebrating the start of spring during Storytime at Norwood Public Library recently.

BRIEFLY

Resignation of rec director

POTSDAM -- The Potsdam Village Board of Trustees voted to unanimously accept the resignation of former village recreation director Trey Smutz at their meeting Monday, April 7. Smutz submitted his letter of resignation in late March. He was on unpaid administrative leave for several weeks leading up to his voluntary stepping down. State Police have reported that they are investigating Smutz but declined to provide any details.

Canton resident bags awards

CANTON — St. Lawrence University men's track and field athlete has picked up a pair of awards. Nick Lyndaker of Canton has been named the USTFCCCA Mideast Region Runner of the Year, and also has been voted Liberty League Indoor Track Athlete of the Year by the Liberty League coaches, the conference announced. At the NCAA championships, he took home the national championship in the mile run with his time of 4:06.45, and had the fastest flat track championship performance according to the USTFCCCA record book. He was the Liberty League conference champion in the mile, and the 3000-meter run, while holding the all-time program records for the mile and 3000m after he broke his own records, along with the fastest all-time Liberty League mile time with 4:03.36. He placed third in the AARTFC 800m with his time of 1:53.33, and grabbed first at the Fastrack National Invite 3000m with his time of 8:10.14. He also placed 20th in the national finals for the 3000m with his time of 8:47.45 at the NCAA championships. His mile time ranks 11th all-time in Division III according to the USTFCCCA list and was the highest finish in the NCAA championships among all the Mideast athletes.

Animal torture charge

HOPKINTON — A St. Regis Falls resident was charged following a dog complaint Feb. 28, according to state police. Robert M. Lavair, 37, was charged with torturing or injuring animals/failure to provide sustenance at 11:09 a.m. on April 4, officers said. He was cited and released, police said.

Supreme Court declines to hear Antonyuk gun case, still weighing Snope v. Brown

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- U.S. Supreme Court justices have declined to hear a legal challenge to New York's "Concealed Carry Improvement Act" (CCIA) after years of legal wrangling.

A writ of certiorari was denied today, April 7, forcing all parties back to the District Court for a trial on a full injunction released to the legislation.

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 decision to not hear the case was welcomed by Governor Kathy Hochul, who lauded the legislation as an effective tool for combating gun violence.

"New York's strong gun safety laws save lives, and gun violence has declined by 53 percent since a pandemic-era peak. In 2022, after the Supreme Court decided to overturn New York's century-old concealed carry laws, I fought to pass new legislation to keep our streets and subways safe from gun violence — and we got it done. Today, the Supreme Court has officially rejected an attempt to block this critical legislation, ensuring the core tenets of the law I signed in 2022 will remain in effect. Public safety will always be my top priority, and I'll continue fighting to keep New Yorkers safe," Hochul said.

Working "of counsel" on the case with Gun Owners of America is St. Lawrence County Attorney Steve Button, who has worked closely with GOA attorneys since October 2022 when the county legislature approved his involvement in the case.

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

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have sought an opinion from the Supreme Court.

Now, with the court ruling against GOA, attorneys must go back to the District Court level to battle again.

Justices said in their decision that the case was not fully developed and proceedings are too preliminary.

It is uncommon for the Supreme Court to weigh-in on preliminary injunctions, officials said.

Depositions will now begin, with a hearing on the issuance of a permanent injunction likely in the coming months.

While Supreme Court justices declined to hear the Antonyuk case, another case with major implications for gun ownership is still pending.

Nope v. Brown, a legal challenge in the state of Maryland against the state's ban on "assault weapons," has been conferred by justices 11 times since the beginning of January.

A decision to hear the case or not is widely expected to be announced in the coming days.

The Snope case is one that has been watched by gun rights advocates and state Attorneys Generals as the case could impact over a dozen states with similar legislation.

If justices do decide to hear the case, legal arguments would likely occur later this fall in October or November, according to Firearms Policy Coalition officials.

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Town residents shellac council members over sky high property revaluations

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — With the time now up to protest inflated property assessments with the firm who did the town wide revaluation, property owners once again voiced ire over the situation to the town board.

After GAR Associates, of Clifton Park and Webster, cranked up the property assessments of homes and businesses by 50 to 100 percent, residents now facing an even more steep cost of living in Potsdam are saying the firm has not been approachable and hasn't returned calls. Some say representatives from the company has been unreachable.

The firm was hired by the town in 2023 for \$385,000 to do a town wide reassessment. The new assessments set by GAR were mailed to property owners at the beginning of March.

Town residents were directed to speak to GAR representatives first before the end of March and fill out a form to seek some down-regulation of the amounts initially. In many cases homeowners say they were not satisfied with their interactions with the company and feedback on their situations. Often, homeowners say details of their assessments were not correct, with home and property dimensions and characteristics way off or not aligned with other similar homes in the town.

While its thin tea for those looking down the barrel of a possible doubling of their annual property tax bill, the town still has a door open to grieve their new assessment

amounts with Town Assessor Danielle Mitchell at the end of May on Grievance Day.

Homeowners and property owners filled up the town's meeting hall during the town council's regular meeting Tuesday, April 8, and gave board members an earful.

Homeowner Bill Paige said his reassessment by GAR was "false."

"I brought pictures of my property in and I brought the assessment that was sent by GAR to my place. I updated it because it was false. I give it to the assessor. I've heard nothing back," Paige said.

Paige said he has since visited the assessor's office twice and called GAR several times, starting in early March. "They won't answer my call and I want to know what the status of my property is," Paige said.

Paige said he and his wife, who is medically disabled, are on Social Security and reside in a capped basement that he had originally intended to construct a ranch house on before he ran out of money.

"The cost of living goes up 2, 2 and half percent a year. I've got a 300 percent increase on my property and I live in a capped cellar that I had appraised back the last time at 70,000 and now its 232,000 dollars. I don't think its fair," he told the board. "I don't think I'm getting the help I need to get it moving."

"The roof needs replacing, the bathroom needs redoing, the bees are coming through in the upstairs. And I brought that in, they had the size of the house wrong," Paige said. "Nobody is going to give me 232,000 for my property no

more than they would give me a 100,000."

Homeowner Tracey Haggett Sloan put together a packet for the town board members which questioned the methods and procedures GAR used to arrive at the new valuations. Haggett Sloan criticized GAR for what she said was not following the ethics standards set by the state for assessments which require no bias during assessments.

"Are they not biased in favor of the township to raise the assessment and increase the LOA and try to capture unrealized capital gains for the purpose of taxes? Wouldn't that be considered biased? That's against the conduct," she said. She said GAR was hired by the town to raise values. "Didn't GAR rely on the unsupported conclusion that the town had to raise assessments?"

She said the assessments were done carelessly and have affected the property owners.

Haggett Sloan also said that records were not supplied to homeowners who requested them of comparable sales in the township that their own assessments were based on.

Haggett Sloan, who spoke under her own floor time and during time from other town residents in attendance who donated their time to her, continued her detailed take-down of GAR's assessment practices calling them out for "lacking the geographic competency needed" by state law to conduct accurate assessments in the town.

She said some of the assessments of properties by GAR had incorrect

square footage, details and features with no supporting documents or photos.

"To date I have not received any tangible information as to the type and or extent of the analysis utilized by GAR," she said. She said GAR's assessments are not credible and the online form utilized by GAR to receive assessment complaints caused distress in many homeowners who may have lacked the skill to navigate through the form online.

Haggett Sloan said if the assessments are based on local property sales it should be noted that last year only 161 property sales in the town of Potsdam, which accounts for .3 percent of the total number of parcels in the town. Of those 161 sales only 36 were over \$250,000, or 2 percent of all property sold and .07 percent of all properties in the township. She also said the town of Potsdam has a poverty level of 17.3 percent and asked if that was even taken into consideration by the company when valuing property.

She said that state law limits the raising of property assessments to only 6 percent per year or over five years, a maximum of 20 percent, which is substantially lower than the assessments announced by GAR in March.

"Are we little more than in service to the tax?" Haggett Sloan asked. She said she intends to talk to Canton Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley and ask why she is even entertaining the idea of hiring GAR to do a town wide revaluation in that municipality.

Multiple other town property

owners spoke, withering town officials and GAR over the revaluations. Several pointed out that the town of Waddington has decided to delay acceptance of their town wide assessments that threatened homeowners with higher taxes and recommended the town of Potsdam follow suit. They pointed out that there were similar problems and disputes with GAR's assessment in the cities of Troy and Ogdensburg as well and that the company has been oft criticized for its work. Other commenters said it was obvious that GAR never used up-to-date information, just relied on satellite photo data, and set homeowners' property values based on outdated or nonexistent details on their individual properties, misidentifying broken concrete pads where mobile homes once stood as patios and including whole sections of house that are no longer standing or on the property.

The final assessment roll is available for viewing on the town website at <https://tinyurl.com/3w894px9>.

The town's board of assessment review will meet on or around May 27 to hear any grievances from property owners who could not previously resolve their assessment disputes through stipulations with the assessor's office. On July 21 the town's final assessment roll is to be submitted.

GAR can be reached by phone at 1-866-910-1776. In the meantime, Potsdam town assessor Danielle Mitchell's office hours at 18 Elm St. are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. The number for the town assessor is 315-265-2810.

Staffing shortages prompt state to release inmates early

BY JEFF CHUDZINKSI
North Country This Week

After firing more than 2,000 corrections officers for illegally striking New York State shared plans to

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release inmates early due to staffing shortages.

Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) Commissioner Daniel Martuscello III issued a memorandum ordering the release of inmates from state prisons who meet certain criteria in an effort to alleviate staffing issues exacerbated by the firing of 2,000 correctional officers last month.

In his memorandum, the commissioner said the order comes in view of the current staffing crisis, in order to have the appropriate balance between the safety and well being of those working and residing in DOCCS Correctional Facilities."

He said individuals who meet certain statutory requirements, are not serving sentences for A-1 or A-2 non-drug offenses, a class B through E felony offense or a sex offender would be considered.

Other criteria include having an identified approved residence which is not a shelter or DSS placement upon release, as well as being within 15 to 110 days of an approved release date.

"Due to the large number of individuals who are potentially eligible, we will issue multiple approvals lists on an ongoing basis," he wrote.

The move was met with sharp criticism by Conservatives and Republicans, who likened the idea to a poorly executed April Fool's joke.

State Senator Dan Stec Las lambasted state officials for the move, saying a rhetorical question he asked Martuscello has come to light.

"During a budget hearing earlier this year, I rhetorically asked Commissioner Martuscello about his memo stating that 70 percent staffing is the new fully staffed and asked if DOCCS planned to just eliminate 30 percent of the penal code and 30 percent of sentences to make that work. Apparently, he took that literally because that's exactly what he plans to do. Instead of increasing officer enrollment by eliminating the governor's insane employment ban on fired COs and addressing prison safety, DOCCS is simply going to release convicted felons early," he said.

Stec said the move was a "slap in the face to correction officers."

The strikes came on the heels of reports that several corrections officers were exposed to fentanyl and had to be treated with Narcan. Not long after corrections officers began to call for safer working conditions and a repeal of the HALT act, which limits the use of segregated confinement.

Corrections officers said the HALT act has created a dangerous environment for them and inmates alike.

At the core of the strike was an argument for safer working conditions, with officers demanding body scanners and mail scanners, among other things.

Staffing numbers were also a talking point, with state officials setting a benchmark of 85% of officers returning to work to enact the deal. That figure fell short.

A major sticking point in the negotiations appeared to center around health care.

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Peaceful protest

Brasher residents Nikki and Travis with children Declan and Sprague were among approximately 300 people who participated in the Massena "Hands Off!" rally Apr. 5.

SLC Community Services rolls over workforce enhancement funding

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

CANTON -- County officials are rolling over funding from a Workforce Grant from the New York State Office of Mental Health in the Community Services Department.

Legislators approved the measure during the March 17 Services Committee meeting.

According to Director Jay Ullrich, the OMH Workforce Grant is administered and managed by OMH, with funds made available to eligible providers to enhance the workforce.

The funds originally came to the county in 2022, with a budget modification done in 2023 to formally accept the grant.

The new resolution now extends the roll over period to March 31, 2025, allowing Community Services to expend the remaining \$5,552, Ullrich said.

The grant was originally \$24,000, with \$18,448 having been expended, he said.

Per OMH, a letter was sent to the office requesting an extension,

which was subsequently approved.

In other action, legislators also approved a contract with Coordinated Care Service, Inc. for the preparations of the 2024 consolidated fiscal report.

Ullrich said the department has been contracting with the firm since 2021 to great success, with the average cost landing around \$14,000 per year.

"They really have done great work each year," Ullrich said.

He noted that CCSi has continually come in under budget as well, another key reason he said the department was eager to continue the relationship.

CCSI provides support in behavioral health and human services, specifically in financial reporting, claiming and budgeting for many counties and providers, county officials said.

According to Ullrich, CCSi's services are required to prepare and submit the 2024 CFR and provide specialized Local Government Unit (LGU) fiscal support.

The rate CCSi will receive is \$115 per hour, not to exceed \$20,000.

Cuts impact NNY libraries

All employees of the Institute of Museum and Library Services were placed on administrative leave Monday, March 31. The came following an executive order signed on March 14 proposing sweeping cuts to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

For North Country libraries, the effect will be indirect, but consequential. Small, rural libraries in New York rely heavily on support from public library systems, which rely on support from the state library.

The New York State Library receives \$8.1M from the IMLS through their Grants to States Program. This funding supports: 55 staff positions; administrative support and oversight of 7,000 libraries and 72 systems of all library types, including public, school, and academic; day-to-day operation of the State Library, which includes manuscripts, rare books, and digitized historical documents; programs that serve the public (Ready to Read at New York Libraries, Summer Reading at New York Libraries, Talking Book and Braille Library).

According to the American Library Association, IMLS funding comprises less than 0.003% of the federal budget.

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Cornwall Mayor visits Massena, touts close relationship with U.S.

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI

North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The mayor of Cornwall, Ontario, has visited Massena multiple times in recent weeks, touting a message of cross border cooperation he hopes will strengthen relations for years to come.

Mayor Justin Towndale initially contacted Massena Town Supervisor Sue Bellor via Zoom to have a conversation about relations between the United States and Canada, as well as relations between Cornell and Massena.

The mayor recently visited Massena and attended the town board meeting, telling board members and attendees he hoped to continue to grow and expand the relationship between Cornwall and Massena.

Power between the two entities was a primary discussion point, as Ontario Power Generation and the New York Power Authority generate the lion's share of power utilized in the region.

"I thought that's the kind of close connection we have here. I'm saying this because I'm trying to illustrate that we are really a region," Towndale said.

He commented that he felt the border was "an invisible line in the sand that divides us," though he has never felt like a foreigner in the United States when he visits.

"I don't feel like I'm going to a foreign country. All this is to say we're neighbors, we're friends, we're allies," he said.

Towndale said he remembered visiting Massena numerous times as a child, shopping at the former St. Lawrence Centre Mall and dining at restaurants with his family.

He said through all of that, the United States and Canada remain, "neighbors, friends and allies."

Towndale said he hoped his reaching out would be the start of an enhanced relationship, acknowledging that he "probably should have" two years prior when he started his term. "Historically, my predecessors have invited the town supervisor and the mayor of the village to the inauguration. So, that falls on me as a responsibility as the mayor," he said.

Towndale said he hoped to address the regional aspects that impact both municipalities, both the positive and negative impacts that occur economically and socially.

One situation he commented on was the loss of a Canadian citizen when terrorists attacked the Twin Towers on Sept. 11, 2001. He said that loss was felt by the entire community.

"He was killed as part of that

attack. So, that touched our community as well. We're not immune to these effects," he said. "I raised this just to show how close our communities are and how close our countries are and how events that happen in the United States affect us."

Towndale has since made other visits, meeting with village Mayor Greg Paquin and Assemblyman Scott Gray when he was in the area.

Towndale also hosted Paquin last month in a meeting of "unity

and friendship," Paquin told board members.

Paquin said he and Towndale had discussed a number of possible plans and initiatives to promote cross border travel and commerce, strengthening ties between Massena and Cornwall.

"I think it is a partnership that is crucial for both sides of the border and its one I look forward to building upon and improving in the future," Paquin said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Delegate tariffs to Congress, Potsdam man says

It's time to admit it: Trump lied to us about lower prices (on day one!). But he told the truth about tariffs, which he is now implementing with devastating effect.

Note that higher tariffs and lower prices are in contradiction to each other, so they could never have both been true. But it's so, so tempting to believe that one man can magically (remember COVID, gone by Easter 2020?) solve all our problems without us having to do a thing.

Tariffs hurt trade, and trade helps all of us. If it weren't for trade, we'd all still be farmers, growing our own food. But some people are really, really good at farming. That means that everyone else can make and do all the other things that make our lives better.

Global trade is an extension of this, so our nation can export what we're best at while importing what others are good at. Tariffs restrict this mutually beneficial system, and make all of us poorer.

The Constitution gives Congress control over tariffs, but they've delegated this to the President. Since this has proven to be a mistake, Congress needs to reclaim the tariff power, restore sanity to our nation, and actually lower prices.

Will Siegfried
Potsdam

County Chamber thankful after Kid's expo

The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all who helped to make the 5th

annual North Country KIDS Expo in the Roos House at SUNY Canton on Saturday, March 8, a big success.

The event provided the important opportunity for attendees to get to know, and gather information from, local businesses and organizations that provide services to families of the North Country. While this was happening, kids and families experienced a fun day filled with activities, play zones, and on-site demonstrations.

Starcazia provided our entertainment. Kidz Bounce featured live, interactive, and energetic musical games with medium-high intensity aerobic dance, mime, improvisational play, and sing-alongs to old classics. Thanks to student volunteers from SUNY Canton and St. Lawrence University for face painting!

The Chamber would like to express its appreciation to the businesses and organizations that tabled at the event and provide critical services to our communities and families every day: Adirondack Regional Technology Center TRAID Program; Applewood Orchards; Brie House Publishing; Candlelite Farm, Inc.; CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocates; Children's Miracle Network of NNY; Cornell Cooperative Ext. STLC – NC Clean Energy Hub, 4H and Camp Overlook; Crafting Towards Dreams; Deep Root Center; Fidelis Care; GardenShare; Girl Scouts of NNPENN; Kids Biz/ Charlotte's Delights; Kids Biz/Hidden Gems; Kids Biz/Fables Cool Creations; Kids Biz/Theo's Crafts; Little River Community School; Nature Up North/SLU; Nicandri Nature



Stacey Smith Tarbox | Submitted

Bufflehead in Pierrepont

I was lucky enough to see this cute little bufflehead in Pierrepont recently,' said photographer Stacey Smith Tarbox.

Center; North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council, Inc – Family Opportunity Center and Healthy Families St. Lawrence; North Star Health Alliance (NSHA); Northern Credit Union; Rochester Regional Health – St. Lawrence Region; Scouting America, Longhouse Council; SeaComm Federal Credit Union; Sewing4U & More;; SLC Arts Council; SLC People Project; St. Catherine of Siena Academy; St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union; SLC Center for History & Culture; St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office; St. Lawrence County Public Health; SUNY Canton-WCIP; United Helpers; Victim's Assistance Center Child Advocacy Center of NNY; and WPBS-TV.

We appreciate Pat Harrington,

Director of Athletic Facilities at SUNY Canton, and his awesome staff for all their assistance before, during and after the Expo!

A special "thank you" to our board members who volunteered to help set up and worked the event – Benny Fairchild of United Helpers, Justin Robinson of Kinney Drugs, Tom Graser, and the Chamber staff: Ben Dixon, Tif Amo, Kathryn Puleo, Amanda and Rian Gordon, and Abigail Wilhelm.

St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce

Trail system to reopen following strong snow season

The St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail Advisory Board is pleased to announce that we have just finished one of the most successful snowmobile seasons in the past few years. Not only did the snowmobilers get their fair share of riding, but the businesses throughout the trail system also benefited.

Now that one season is done, it is time to think about the upcoming ATV/UTV season. Congratulations to all those riders out there that made this winter's riding the great season that it was.

The St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail is scheduled to re-open on Thursday, May 15. The Multi-Use Trail Committee strongly encourages all users to follow all rules and regulations to ensure that everyone can enjoy their summer activities.

Remember, motorized modes of

transportation give the right of way to all other trail users. Also, ensure that each ATV/UTV is registered if required, is insured, has a trail pass, and that the proper maintenance has been performed prior to hitting the trails. Wear the authorized helmet for ATVs; helmets are optional for UTV use. Have a cell phone that is fully charged, food and drink available in case of a breakdown, proper tools to make repairs to your machine and travel with at least one "buddy".

Individuals can follow the committee's trail reports on Facebook St. Lawrence Trails or at www.stlctrails.com for the latest trail information and where trail passes can be purchased.

Bill Swafford, St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail Advisory Board

An Earth Month message from Colton

Happy Earth Month, y'all. Seeking an 'eco' spirituality, we find that there are many examples of Earth-friendly teachings amongst First Nations and Native American Beliefs of the pre-Columbian Americas: a sky-woman legend, the belief in the spirit in all things, various elements of the medicine, teachings which invoke Earth-friendly relations between man and nature.

Why not look to such beliefs as laying out the foundations for an evergreen and endlessly adaptive eco-friendly spirituality?

Again, in a spirit of seeking, why not extend Christian beliefs..... in eco directions?

Here's an eco-friendly prayer for all of us, an Earth-friendly message proclaiming an eco love. Yes, why not an eco-friendly New Testament!

"Love thy neighbor:" here's a true and beautiful spiritual teaching.

O! Thank you, brother Jesus, for encouraging us to live our lives like this.

"Love thy neighbor as thyself." O! Sweet spiritual belief, be extended now to all of our Earth-mother's children.

O! "Love thy neighbor," sweet teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, be extended now from humankind to all of our fellow living things.

Whence grows an eco spirituality

Yeah, good medicine: living lightly as shared by our local "Living Lightly" group, making the eco medicine.

Dave Cree Hassig
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Why the United States still measures in imperial units

BY PAUL HETZLER

The good news is that Imperial forces are losing the battle for planetary dominance. The bad news is that we're on their team. The British Imperial System of measurement, born in 1824, was an improvement at the time.

But in 1965, the Brits chucked it in the dust bin, adopting the decimal-based metric system.

Today, metric is universal in science and medicine. Of all the nations on planet Earth, only the U.S. still clings to old British measurements.

Being obsessed with the levy and collection of taxes, the British monarchy was never a slouch at taking stock of things.

Mostly other people's things. Tenth-century Saxon King Edgar the Peaceable supposedly had a royal bushel made for the kingdom, choosing its dimensions. It makes sense he got to decide. After all, measuring stuff is what rulers are for.

Prior to the British Imperial system, the Magna Carta weighed in on units. In 1215, it set standards for things like the "...width of russet and haberject, namely two ells [elbows] within the selvedges," requiring cloth to be two forearms wide.

In the Middle Ages, a rod, equal to 5.5 yards, was calibrated to "the length of the left feet of 16 men lined up heel to toe as they emerged

from church." I assume feet fresh from church ensured an honest measure.

Over the years, it must have occurred to someone that feet and forearms come in different lengths. And that it was confusing to have four different kinds of gallons whose capacities varied by what they were intended to hold.

So, enter the British Imperial System. It designated a single gallon measure, but kept the 12-ounce or Troy pound for gold and silver, along with the 16-ounce avoirdupois pound we use for everything else.

Although the U.S. Customary System of weights and measures followed the old-time British units in our country's early days, we did not revise it when the Brits upgraded to the Imperial System.

Consequently, we wound up with "Queen Anne's wine gallon" (231 cubic inches), 17 percent smaller than an Imperial gallon. Our bushel (2,150.42 cubic inches) is three percent smaller than their bushel, and our ton came up short as well. I chalk it up to unresolved motherland issues from back when we were a colony.

For those of us not math-minded, the U.S. Customary system is an imperial pain. If 16 ounces, or oz., make a lb. or pound, I need a calculator to find how many oz. there are in, say, 3.71 lbs. But first, I get distracted by the point that when I

read "oz." or "lb." in my head they sound like "Oz" (as in, the Wizard of) and "lib," respectively. It makes me wonder if I'm pronouncing the units right, and if it bothers other people, too, and if we could find better abbreviations. No wonder I can't do computations.

In the 1790s, French people got all excited about a new way to measure stuff – some of them really lost their heads over it.

I suppose it might have been the French Revolution, which was raging at the time, that got them wound-up. Amid the chaos, scientists were able to sneak the metric system, a more rational structure, into French law by 1799. When the dust settled, the French had a new republic. By comparison, a novel scheme of weights and measures probably wasn't a big deal.

The metric system uses a base of 10, rather than a base of 12, 16, 64, 280, or whatever, depending on what's being measured, that we use. Metric is simpler. I can tell you that 31,000 meters, at 1,000 meters per kilometer, is equal to 31 km. But ask me to multiply 31 miles by 5,280 feet, and I'll get back to you tomorrow.

The metric system is governed by an international conference that maintains standards for the meter, kilogram, ampere, degree Kelvin, and other base units in the Système international d'unités or SI. According to the heart surgeon

who repaired my mitral valve years ago, the plastic ring that keeps my valve in the proper shape is marked "32 mm."

If it read "fifteen-sixteenths of a barleycorn," I wouldn't trust it. Not all barleycorns are equal in length.

Science speaks metric. Bugs are measured in millimeters, reagents in milliliters, and wildlife weights in kilograms. NASA lost its pricey Mars Climate Orbiter in 1999 when a contractor failed to use metric units, and thousands of hospital patients die each year in the U.S. when their weights are recorded in pounds, because medications

are prescribed in milligrams per kilogram. I hope we soon break free from a measurement system that's so inefficient; it was rejected by the very people who made it. Some of our exports are still measured in drams, grains, short tons and long tons. It seems advantageous to sell goods in a way the rest of the world can easily understand.

Admittedly, some changes will take time. But if I ever score a Troy ounce of gold or silver, I won't complain about the units.

Paul Hetzler is an ISA Certified Arborist and a former St. Lawrence County resident.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prof says fed cuts hearken back to SUNY austerity

In they come with their chain saws, ripping apart institutions deemed 'inefficient'. No reasons are given to believe in the purported inefficiencies.

Indeed, many of those tarred as inefficient are demonstrably extremely efficient. But pesky facts are easily ignored and so once thriving programs and departments are axed. Award-winning, value-adding employees are unceremoniously sacked over email. And it appears to be just the beginning. We are promised more sackings forthwith.

As I watch the Trump administration dismantle the federal government, I am struck by the fact that they are using the same tactics SUNY Potsdam's administrators used to dismantle the college I've worked at for 35 years. Trump, it seems, is determined to leave the federal government unable to fulfill its most basic functions, as SUNY Potsdam is now unable to fulfill its function as a comprehensive public liberal arts college. We can only hope that it will be harder to break

the Constitution than it was to break the institution of tenure.

Public higher ed, democracy - all good stuff, but at the end of the day, it all comes down to ROI – monetary return on capital investment. The explicit goal of those currently in power is to run both the nation and its universities "like a business." Autocracy is, of course, already the norm in corporate America – and it is coming to a university and government near you.

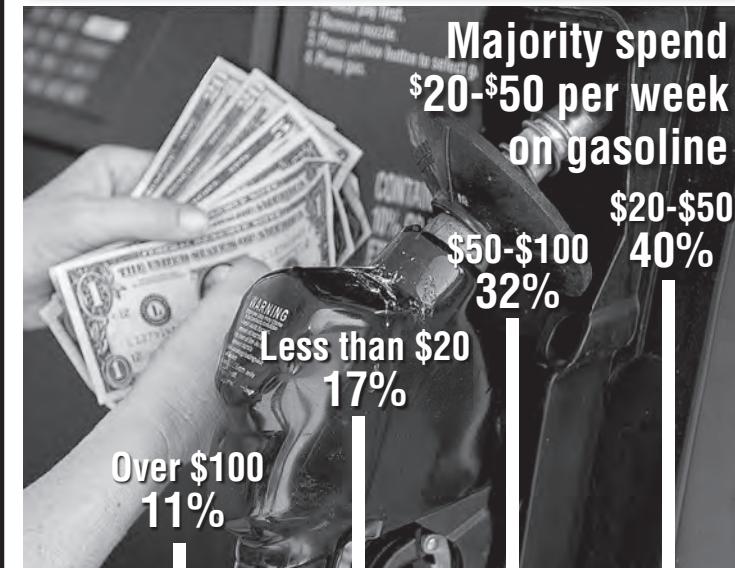
Beyond that slogan, it isn't clear what Trump wants. But I do know what SUNY wants - they want to transform institutions like SUNY Potsdam into educationally narrowed, predominantly online job training institutes. And they are well on their way, the only justification being that it is a demographic necessity; a budgetary necessity; a workforce-related necessity. But this is all corporate speak – these are the standard manufactured justifications for the austerity model of higher education, where the bottom line is ROI, not education. One particularly narrow conception of reality, the corporate model, is presented as if it weren't an ideology at all, but "just how things are now."

A different worldview is one which values quality public higher education, of the sort SUNY once embodied, over the ROI.

Most college faculty endorse this worldview—if they didn't, they'd probably have pursued more lucrative career paths. That is why faculty are seen by administrators as part of the problem. Our values are all screwed up. The solution? Undermine what little faculty governance still exists, sideline the Unions, spend millions on technology that further transforms faculty into mere content providers; that is, into just another cog in the corporate machine. SUNY has so far done a marvelous job of imposing this ideology on the college in Potsdam, and the faculty and Union have done little to resist. And thus we get the 'university', as we are getting the 'democracy' that we deserve.

David Curry
Potsdam

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Last week's question

How much do you typically spend on gas per week?

HOW MUCH DO you typically spend on gas per week?

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Phenna Group acquires Canton-based Atlantic Testing Laboratories

CANTON — Phenna Group, headquartered in Nottingham, UK, announced the acquisition of Atlantic Testing Laboratories (ATL). Atlantic Testing Laboratories has several locations around the state, including one in Canton.

Atlantic Testing Laboratories (ATL) is a full-service engineering support firm headquartered in Canton, and has 270 employees and has eleven offices serving the Northeastern, Mid-Atlantic, and Midwest regions of the United States. With a strong reputation for quality, capability, and integrity, ATL provides a comprehensive range of services designed to meet the unique needs of its customers.

Eric D'Orio, Divisional Managing Director, Americas for Phenna Group, commented: "We are delighted to welcome ATL into Phenna Group. ATL has built an outstanding reputation for excellence in engineering support services, and this partnership aligns perfectly with our strategy of investing in high-quality businesses that share our commitment to safety, integrity, and customer value. We look forward to working closely with ATL's talented team to drive continued success."

Marijean Remington, CEO of ATL, expressed her enthusiasm, stating, "After nearly 60 years of dedication and innovation in the

industry, ATL recognized the need for a strategic partner to help propel our growth and enhance the breadth of services we offer in construction materials, drilling/geotechnical, and environmental. We are thrilled to have found that partner in the Phenna Group, whose expertise and commitment to excellence align perfectly with our vision for the future. Together, we look forward to an exciting new chapter of expanded capabilities and opportunities, continuing our legacy of delivering exceptional value to our clients."

For further information on ATL, please visit: <https://www.atlantic-testing.com/>

St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Award nominations now open

The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its upcoming presentation of two annual 2025 Tourism Excellence Awards, which will be awarded during the annual Tourism Dinner on Wednesday, June 4, at the historic Freight House in Ogdensburg.

Nominations can be submitted online using a digital form now through May 15 at www.VisitSTLC.com/tourism-dinner

The 'Best to the Guest' Tourism Excellence award recognizes a business or organization that shows 'commitment to an excellent guest experience, customer service, unique offerings, and attention to detail, which brings pride to St. Lawrence County.'

The award is chosen based on nominations and reviews from Facebook, TripAdvisor, Google and

Yelp. Past recipients include (2016) Clarkson Inn; (2017) Robideau's Mahogany Ridge; (2018) Jake's on the Water; (2019) Nicandri Nature Center; (2022) North Country Children's Museum; (2023) Sherman Inn; and (2024) Otto's Abode.

The 'Best Destination Marketing Initiative' award recognizes the effort to implement an outstanding tourism marketing initiative raising awareness and attracting visitors to St. Lawrence County. Past recipients include (2016) Hammond Barn Quilt Trail; (2017) Mare's Ware's Arts Fest; (2018) Waddington Party in the Park: Bassmaster Elite Series; (2019) Ogdensburg International Airport; (2022) TAUNY; (2023) Explore Massena / Fish Massena; and (2024) SLC Arts / North Country Arts Festival.

This year's theme, "Tourism at Home," will highlight the impact of

tourism on local businesses, jobs, and community development, reinforcing the vital role of tourism as an asset for those who call St. Lawrence County home.

A networking-focused happy hour will begin at 5 p.m., followed by dinner, presentations, and awards at 7:30 p.m. A charismatic feature presentation will be made by Josiah Brown, founder of Famous Destination Marketing, exploring the concept of "Resident First Tourism" with inspirational insights on how local communities can take an active role in shaping their tourism identity.

Register and submit business nominations at www.VisitSTLC.com/tourism-dinner; or for general inquiries, contact Tiffani Amo, Director of Tourism, at tif@slc-chamber.org or 315-386-4000.

New location for Canton lab registration

CANTON — Canton-Potsdam Hospital's Imaging & Lab Registration office within the EJ Noble Professional Building will relocate to the First/Main Floor from its current location on the Lower Level. This move will be effective Monday, April 14.

Imaging & Lab Services will remain on the ground floor in their existing spaces.

Patients who use these services provided by Rochester Regional Health's St. Lawrence Region at 80 East Main Street in Canton, are encouraged to park in the parking lot near the far right entrance (as shown in the accompanying photo). Upon entering the building via the Imaging & Lab Entrance, the Registration office will be the first office on the right.

The modification of moving the Registration office

to the Main Floor was made to provide patients a more private and personalized registration process.

Scheduled patient testing and lab work will not be impacted by this move.

Patients of Urologists Leo Grafstein, MD; and Peter Hughes, MD; along with those arriving for Urgent Care services, are encouraged to continue using the Lower Level parking lot.

Information pertaining to Lab services offered at the EJ Noble Building may be found at https://www.rochesterregional.org/locations/labs/canton-east-main#fpl_locationcategory=Labs. Details on Imaging services provided throughout Rochester Regional Health may be found at <https://www.rochesterregional.org/services/imaging-radiology>.

Swartz Brothers, Pawsitively Purrfect join Chamber

POTSDAM - The Potsdam Chamber of Commerce has recently approved the membership applications of two new businesses: Swartz Brothers Metal Roofing and Supplies and Pawsitively Purrfect Retreat.

Located in Brasher Falls, Swartz Brothers Metal Roofing and Supplies offers custom-designed steel structures, high-quality metal roofing materials, complete building packages and experienced contractors. Hours of operation are Monday - Fri-

day 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. and Sunday - Closed. For more information, go to swartzbrothersmetalroofingsupply.com.

Pawsitively Purrfect Retreat is a new business in Potsdam. Pawsitively Purrfect Retreat is dedicated to rescuing stray, feral, and surrendered cats, providing them with the medical care and love they need to thrive. They ensure all rescues receive necessary vaccinations, feline leukemia testing when needed, flea treatments, spay/neuter surgery,

and nail trims before finding their forever homes. The retreat offers a compassionate and enriching environment where cats can play, socialize, and learn to trust and be loved. To learn more go to www.pawsitivelypurrfectretreat.com.

For more information about Potsdam Chamber membership, email director@potsdamchamber.com or call 315-274-9000. The Chamber is located at 6 Market St. and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Submitted

Anthony Tringale, Eat Local New York Owner, filming at Gristmill Brewery in Massena.

'Eat Local New York' highlights SLC dining

The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce proudly welcomed restaurant and food enthusiast Anthony Tringale of "Eat Local New York" for two exclusive culinary tours, highlighting a sampling of some of the county's most beloved independent restaurants.

Organized as part of the Chamber's ongoing destination development initiatives, the visits aimed to showcase the region's diverse and delicious dining options to a wider audience. These efforts are intended to drive more customers to local restaurants to support a growing food scene in the County's rural communities.

The itineraries were sponsored and curated by the Chamber's tourism team, taking the well-known content creator on an immersive culinary journey which featured locally owned establishments across the county.

"Bringing Anthony here was an ideal way for us to promote our local restaurant scene in an authentic way," said Tiffani Amo, Director of Tourism for the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce. "The food itineraries we've published online are important marketing tools for our more traditional

tourism promotion efforts, but this type of social media exposure and engagement is something that resonates with both visitors and residents in a completely different way. It's also a unique and exciting form of promotion for local business owners, which is important because we want them to be engaged and invested in how they're represented through a tourism lens."

Tringale's first visit took place on November 1, 2024, with stops at Foster the Plant (Potsdam), Barking Dog Saloon (Potsdam), Hoof and Horn Butcher and Eatery (Potsdam), Jake's On the Water (Hannawa Falls), Sabad's (Norfolk), and Blue House (Madrid).

Returning on March 28, 2025, "Eat Local New York" explored another set of culinary gems, including Wimpy's Inn (Ogdensburg), The Place (Ogdensburg), Gristmill Brewery (Massena), and 1844 House (Potsdam).

These efforts are part of a broader tourism marketing campaign aimed at attracting visitors to the county in a way that supports existing local businesses and assets in an authentic way.

For more information, contact tif@slc-chamber.org.

BRIEFLY

Potsdam Summerfest donation

POTSDAM -- The Potsdam Chamber of Commerce received a \$1,500 donation from TJ Toyota, which will serve as a Gold Level Main Stage Sponsorship for the 2025 Potsdam Summerfest. The 2025 Potsdam Summerfest will return to downtown Potsdam July 10-12. As the event draws closer, the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce is actively seeking sponsors, vendors, musicians, and food trucks to participate. For more information on sponsorship opportunities or to apply as a vendor or performer, contact director@potsdamchamber.com or visit www.potsdamchamber.com.

Farm overtime program

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM)

is now accepting registrations for the 2025 Farm Employer Overtime Credit Advance program in St. Lawrence County. This refundable tax credit is available to eligible farm employers who pay overtime wages as part of New York's phase-in of the overtime threshold. Farmers should begin recordkeeping for the January 1-July 31, 2025 period and complete the farm employer eligibility assessment to apply. Registration requires a NY.gov ID, and farmers should consult tax and payroll advisors for proper recordkeeping. Farmers can register online at taxcredit.agriculture.ny.gov and may delegate authority for later application submission. After July 31, farm employers can upload payroll documentation to the portal, with applications due by Sept. 30. For details, visit agriculture.ny.gov.

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BUDGET...

Potsdam begins budget work

increases are also planned in many departments and for village elected officials.

The village water fund, paid for by usage fees, shows a 1 percent drop in appropriations, and the sewer fund is 2 percent less than the current year.

The village's hydroelectric budget is expected to increase by 9 percent this year, while power sales are also expected to match that increase.

Meanwhile the village recreation budget could drop by 9 percent when all is said and done, while village officials are planning for a 7 percent increase in revenues for the rec budget.

The budget plan as it currently stands for 2025-2026 can be viewed online at <https://vi.potsdam.ny.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Preliminary-budget-25-26-updated-2.pdf>.

Village Mayor Alexandra Jacobs Wilke told North Country This Week, that the board and department heads are continuing to work on the plan.

"We will be taking a close look at expenses and revenue projections in each category during our budget workshops, leading up to the passage of our final budget," Wilke said. "We want to be realistic about the costs that the village will need to incur, while also considering items that we could potentially forgo or defer."

"In building the preliminary budget, there were certain categories and budget items that have a higher degree of uncertainty. We will discuss these more in depth with the board, along with department heads, staff and public feedback, to consider how best to assign expenditures and estimate revenues for these," the mayor said.

Wilke said the priority for the village is to provide "the best level of service to the community, across all of our departments." The mayor pointed out that this is the second year the village is utilizing its new ClearGov software to craft the budget and the first year with its new treasurer at the helm.

"Our new Treasurer Erica Russell has been incredibly dedicated in her efforts to clean these budget lines up and ensure that costs and income are reflected in the appropriate lines within the budget," Wilke told North Country This Week.

The mayor said the biggest portion of expenditures the village is dealing with are fringe benefit expenses.

"If you consider fringe benefits as an entire category unto themselves, those are a quarter of our budget

(25.4% in the proposed)," she said.

"After that, when you look at our departments and functions, our next biggest categories are police (15.6%), public works (14.6%), sewer (12%) and water (10.5%). The remaining categories each represent less than 5% of our expenditures: hydroelectric (4.9%), parks and recreation (3.7%), fire (3.3%), trash (2.1%), administration (2%), museum (1.2%), community development (1.2%), and finally code enforcement and legislative board/mayor (both are 0.4%). Unallocated budget categories (2.7%) mainly consist of special services and contributions," Wilke said.

The mayor said that 58 percent of village funds go to cover salaries, retirement, and fringe benefits like worker's compensation, group life insurance, health and dental insurance. While 42 percent of the budget covers expenses, equipment, supplies and special services, she said.

"This year, we saw double-digit increases in retirement costs (15 and 17%, depending on the union), as estimated by our provider, as well as a 5% increase in insurance and a 10% increase in liability coverage," Wilke said.

The budget also includes previously negotiated contractual bargaining increases ranging from 4 to 4.5% for our unionized employees. Costs in other supply and service categories are also estimated to go up, just based on inflation, tariffs and marketplace volatility. In the short term, we cannot change these estimated increases much between now and passage of the budget. In the bigger picture, though, it would behoove us as a municipality to investigate what options are out there to control costs in these categories," said the mayor.

Finding revenues to cover the expenditures continue to be a challenge for Potsdam as with other municipalities across the state. The mayor said the village is estimating a flat sales tax for the coming year given current economic conditions.

She said some of the grants the village has received in recent years will help cover some of the costs.

"However, this cannot fill the gap for everything. Again, we are using the current valuation rates for calculating the overall taxable assessed value in the village, and that figure went up by less than 2% in this past fiscal year. Those new assessments under the revaluation from the Town of Potsdam won't be effective for village tax rates until the 2026-27 fiscal year," she said.

Wilke said the preliminary figures the board is working on now are just a starting point to get tax rate to a palatable level.

"I would personally like to see a collaborative effort with input from the full board on ways to get the property tax rate closer to what it has been in recent years, given all of

the economic volatility out there," Wilke told NCTW.

"I see this year's preliminary budget as a starting point that should illustrate for people how costs are rising for municipalities like ours, many of which are in ways outside of our immediate control (as they are rooted in past contracts and agreements). My hope is to have a real conversation about what we can and can't adjust going into the next fiscal year, for these important services that people depend on," she said.

PROBATION...

Officers will be allowed to carry

individuals with substance abuse or mental health issues.

He said officers began training for and carrying pepper spray in 2018, eventually utilizing ballistic vests in 2022 for protection. Those vests were purchased with American Rescue Plan Act funds.

By 2023, the department began researching the possibility of arming officers as the "drug problem worsened," he said.

While the vote was unanimous at the Operations Committee meeting as well as the Full Board meeting, legislator Margaret Haggard questioned if the opportunity should be extended to other departments as well.

Of note, she said Department of Social Services employees also encounter "very dangerous situations at times," and suggested the county look into a similar program.

To fund the venture, the subcommittee reviewing budget implications noted funding had been received from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for pretrial services in the amount of \$206,139 and this would be an appropriate use of these funds to pay for the equipment and training needed to develop proficiency, officials said.

As part of the process, all probation officers who intend to carry will also undergo psychological evaluations.

Body cameras will also be required for field work after review by the subcommittee tasked with reviewing implementation measures.

A timeline has also been established, with back-up options set, to ensure timely and appropriate training for officers. That would include utilizing the SUNY Potsdam Police Academy, with assistance from the Jefferson County Probation Department and St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office.

Annual training will also evolve, with all officers required to undergo defensive tactics training, de-escalation training, motivational inter-



Norwood story time

Zenita Myers works on a spring-themed craft after listening to a book about sheep during Storytime at Norwood Public Library recently. Photo courtesy of Norwood Public Library.

mayor.

Canton's Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent, and Town Justice are also up for reelection this year. None of those races are contested.

Steven Smith has filed for reelection as Canton's Highway Superintendent.

Town Clerk Heidi Smith has filed for reelection in her role.

Michael R. Morgan has filed to run for reelection as Canton's town justice.

PROTEST...

Protesters push back on Trump orders

activists.

In Potsdam, several hundred people lined up on the Main Street sidewalk from Market Street to North Country Savings Bank.

They held signs that read "Pro America, Anti-Trump," "Just Say No to Polio, RKF Has Got to Go," "Hands Off Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid," "How is Your 401K?" "Say Yes to Democracy, No to Money Power."

A number of cards honked as they drove by.

In Massena, more than 300 protesters gathered at the intersection of NYS Hwy. 37 and Main Street. Participants include faith leaders, veterans, families and union members representing the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO and Local 1968.

"We would have been happy to see 50 people there and there was over 300 at the peak," said Jenna Matthews, who helped organize the rally.

Many passing motorists gave honks of support and one person did Plein art of the event, she said.

One driver of a truck with a Trump flag and a confederate flag got out of his truck and made lewd gestures.

Some of their signs read "Veterans Deserve Better," "Congress Grow Some Balls, Stop the Madman's Cruel Cuts," "Hands Off Veterans, SNAP Benefits, national Parks, Social Security," "No Cuts to Medicaid" and "Delete Doge Now, Delete Musk Now, Truth Not Lies."

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Blood moons and sunsets over St. Lawrence County



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A rare blood moon rose overnight in St. Lawrence County skies amid a total lunar eclipse and a moment of totality. The blood moon is a trick of the light, when the typical whitish looking moon becomes red or ruddy brown. It happens when the moon is fully in Earth's shadow and a little bit of light from Earth's sunrises and sunsets falls on the surface of moon, making it appear red. The next total lunar eclipse will occur on Sept. 7-8, 2025.

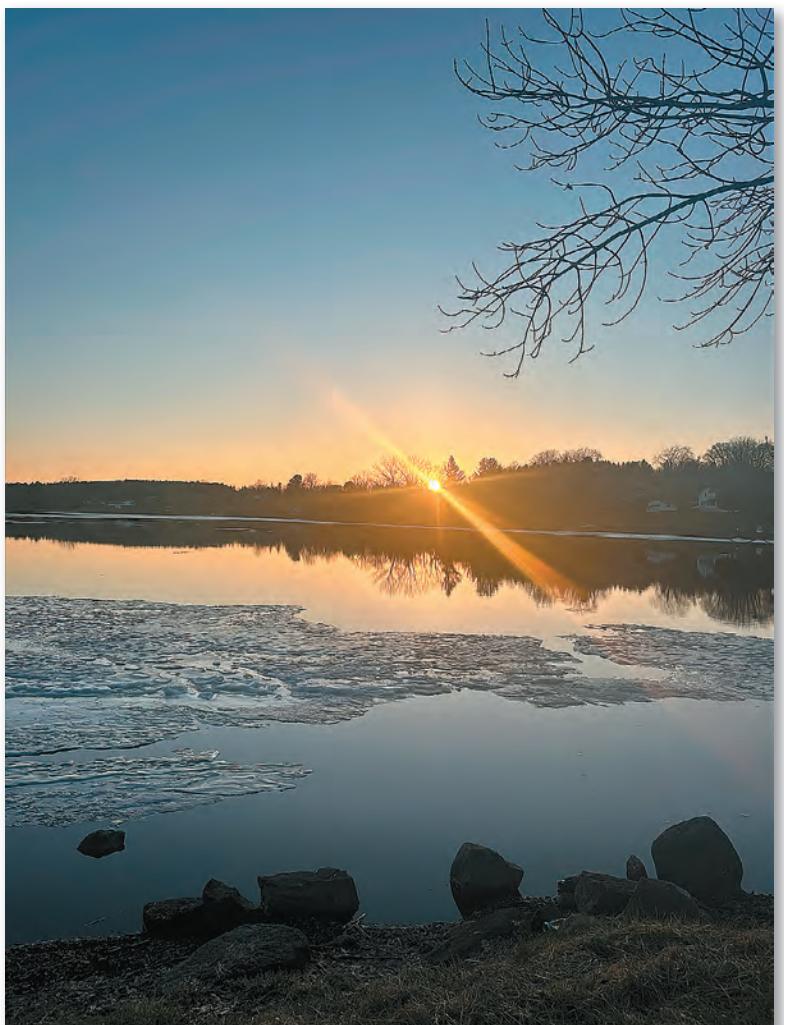


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Some ice lingers on Norwood Lake on St. Patrick's Day during sunset.

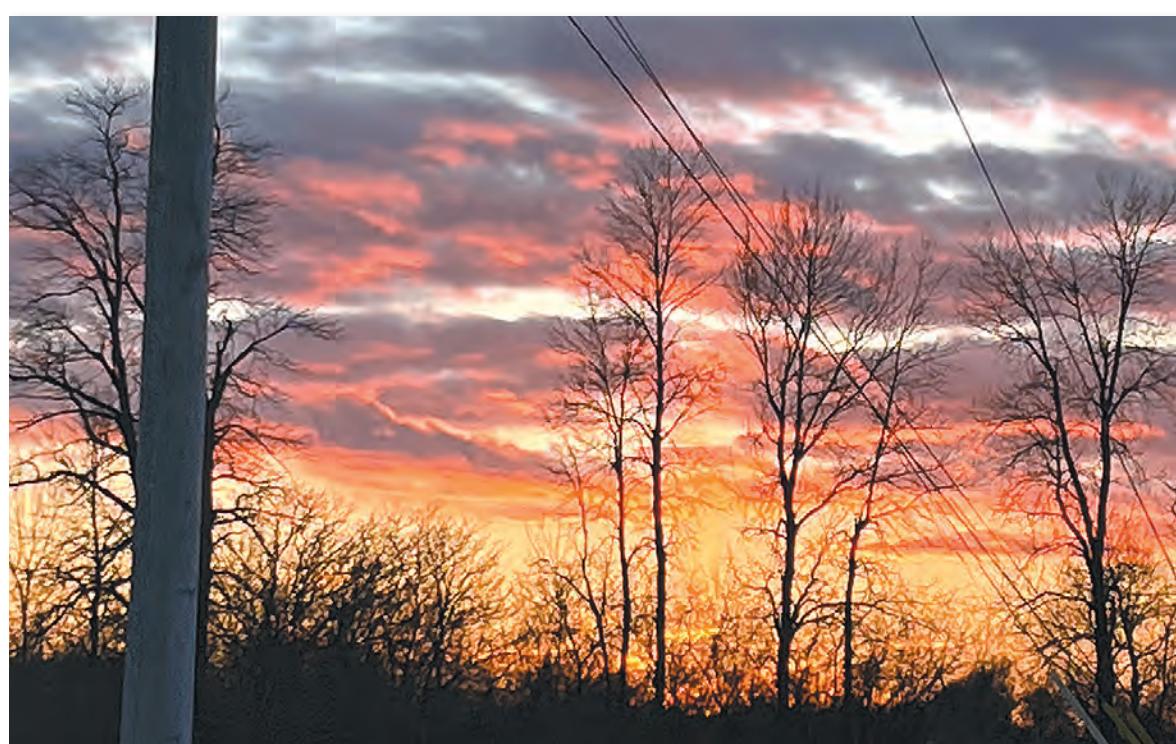


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Fire and ash colored skies were visible at sunset Friday on Rt. 11 between Potsdam and Canton.



Katherine Maestro | Submitted

Moonlit nights on Waterman Hill near Canton, photographed by Katherine Mae-stro.

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A scene from the film Wintering Grounds.

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Paddling film festival returns

Features variety of kayak and canoe films from around the world

CANTON -- St. Lawrence Valley Paddlers are hosting Rapid Media's 20th Annual Paddling Film Festival World Tour on April 16.

This fun event will be held at the Fairfield Inn and Suites, 5955 US Route 11, Canton, NY 13617. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and films begin showing at 7 p.m.

The festival will feature a variety of films

from around the world, including whitewater kayaking from the arctic waters of the Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard, first descents of mile-deep canyons in Mexico and the 'certifiable lunatics' who practice freestyle kayaking during the winter months on the Chattahoochee River at the Alabama-Georgia border.

Our environmental film showcases

volunteers' efforts to clean up, protect and restore a remote section of the Red River, Kentucky's only designated Wild and Scenic River.

If you've ever thought about building your own wooden canoe or kayak, join us for the film 'The Survival of the Wood Canoe'.

SEE PADDLING ON 16.

Atkinson Family Bluegrass Band to perform in Waddington for Harmony & History Series

WADDINGTON -- The Atkinson Family Bluegrass Band will perform for the Waddington Historical Association's 2025 Harmony & History Concert Series on Sunday, April 27 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Waddington Cultural Center (formerly St. Paul's) on Lincoln Avenue.

Donations will be accepted at the door.

The WHA sponsors this spring and fall concert series annually in an effort to showcase the village's historical venue that was built in 1816 and has incredible acoustics.

Each year the series is dedicated to the memory of people who have left their mark on Waddington history.

This year the series is recognizing June McQueeney, Joan Loomis, and Elizabeth Phillips, all who contributed in various ways to the Waddington community.

Info: Facebook at Waddington Museum and Historical Association and visit our website: www.waddingtonhistory.com.



The Atkinson Family Bluegrass Band from Pitcairn will perform in Waddington for the Harmony & History Concert Series.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Bunny Hop Dance

MADRID -- A Bunny Hop Dance with music by Taco Beats, Easter treats, a special bunny and surprises will be offered at Hepburn Library of Madrid on Friday, April 11, from 6:00 - 7p.m. All ages are welcome.

Cheese of the month

POTSDAM -- The Potsdam Food Co-op will host a cheese of the month sampling event Friday, April 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Community members are invited to visit the Cooperative, located at 24 Elm Street in Potsdam Village, to sample two varieties of Nettle Meadow's artisanal, spreadable goat cheese, and Fromage Frais. The Co-op hosts cheese samplings on the second Friday of each month and offers a 10% discount on the cheese featured for the entire month.

Fish fry

PIERREPONT -- The Pierrepont Volunteer Fire Department will be serving Lenten fish fries every Friday, from 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and is take-out only. The meal includes breaded haddock, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, brownie and a roll..

Food pantry distribution

HOPKINTON -- Hopkinton Food Pantry is held 2nd Friday of each month inside the Hopkinton Town Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m. Anyone who is a resident of Hopkinton may attend. Contact Debbie Bagnato at 315-261-1653 or Irene Perry at 315-328-5987 with questions.

Open mic night

STAR LAKE -- Singer-songwriter Shawn Stoddard will host an open mic night on Friday, April 11 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at American Legion Mervin Eno Post 1539, 264 Benson Mines Golf Course Road. Showcase your talent in music, comedy, poetry, spoken word and magic. Enter to win a free adult Easter Basket. No purchase necessary but you must be 21-years-old and present to win.

Tai chi workshop

CANTON - The Unitarian Universalist Church in Canton serving the North Country community is hosting a tai chi workshop, Tai Chi for Imagination, Friday, April 11, 5-7 p.m. The program is free, registration is recommended: <https://forms.gle/T9C4wqv9RpTrtVw5>. The workshop will be taught by Sean Boutin. The workshop will help participants improve balance, posture, and mental awareness. All participants in the Tai Chi for Imagination Workshop will be invited to practice at North Country Tai Chi LLC's classes free of charge until the end of April 2025.

"September 5" movie

MASSENA -- "September 5" will be the Friday Afternoon Movie showing at the Massena Public Library April 11, at 1:00 p.m. Set during the 1972 Munich Summer Olympics, the film follows an American sports broadcasting team that quickly adapted from sports reporting to live coverage of the Israeli athletes taken hostage.

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The Cicada Also Sings will perform traditional Latin American music at the UU Church in Canton.

Latin American music concert planned in Canton

CANTON — The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton will host The Cicada Also Sings on Saturday, April 19, from 6 to 7 p.m., for a live performance celebrating contemporary Latin American music that fosters peace, resilience, and empathy.

The concert will feature songs from Argentina, Chile, Cuba, and Uruguay, highlighting the powerful messages and cultural richness of Latin American songwriters.

In addition to the live performance, the evening will include a presentation on the cultural and musical elements of the featured songs.

Lyrics will be shared and explained in English, offering the

audience an opportunity to engage more deeply with the music's meanings. The performance will be an hour of music, conversation, and cultural exchange.

The concert will be led by Oscar Sarmiento, who will provide guitar and vocals, along with percussionists Mark Seymour and Caron Collins, who will also incorporate Native American flutes into the performance.

Refreshments will be provided for attendees to enjoy.

This performance is part of the World Spirituality Practices Project (WiSPP), an initiative supported by a grant from the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Run for Life slated for April 27

The 47th annual St. Lawrence County Cancer Fund (SLCCF) Edward I. Moses Walk/Run for Life will once again be having multiple sites for 2025 holding its event in Potsdam at the Elk's Club as well as the traditional site in Canton at St. Lawrence University.

The Kinney Drugs Foundation is the primary sponsor of the event which will be held at both locations on Sunday, April 27 with registration at 9 a.m. and the event beginning at 10 a.m.

SLCCF has been in existence since 1979 and was started by Kinney employees in memory of their late president, Edward I. Moses who lost his life to cancer. Since then it has raised and donated over \$2.6 million dollars to St. Lawrence County area cancer centers and other nonprofits who assist those in St. Lawrence County who are affected by cancer.

The SLCCF funds programs that work to educate the community

and help with prevention, early detection and treatment of cancer for St. Lawrence County residents. Funds are also distributed to local non-profits who provide much needed direct financial assistance to families who are battling cancer so that no one fights alone.

All monies raised stay here in St. Lawrence County. In 2024 SLCCF gave out over \$68,000 in grants to seven different agencies and non-profits including The Richard E. Winter Cancer treatment center and Ryan's Wish along with newcomer The Community Health Center of the North Country. All money raised will help to meet the higher demand for cancer related services felt by our local cancer-care centers at our local hospitals and non-profits such as St. Lawrence Valley Hospice.

Registration forms available at local Kinney Drug stores as well as www.walkrunforlife.com.

Earth Day 7K to step off on April 19th

CANTON — The 9th Annual Earth Day 7k Run/Walk will step off on April 19 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Race day registration for this race opens at 9 a.m., or you can register ahead of time. Walkers are welcome to start their race as early as 10 a.m., and are encouraged to start before 10:30 when the runners begin.

All participants will start and finish the race at the Wachtmeister Field Station.

Runner's times will be recorded and available after the event.

To register now, follow this link: [https://www.givecampus.com/schools/StLawrenceUniversity/events/9th-annu...;](https://www.givecampus.com/schools/StLawrenceUniversity/events/9th-annu...)

The flat 7 kilometer (approximately 4.4 miles) course connects the Kip and Saddlemire Trails at St. Lawrence University, passing through scenic forests and wetlands along the Little River. Be prepared for a few muddy sections.

Join Nature Up North after the race for raffle prizes and refreshments. In the past, we've had t-shirts as well, but to keep with the spirit of Earth Day decided to limit the potential for waste this year. Instead, try to create your own "Earth Day Ensemble" of clothing for the race to show off your unique style.

The race fee is \$25; or \$15 for students. Youth 12 and under are free. All proceeds benefit local conservation and environmental education projects in the North Country.

Directions: The Wachtmeister Field Station is located just south of the St. Lawrence University campus on Park St./County Route 27 in Canton. If approaching from Canton Village, it is the first driveway on the left after passing over the wooden bow bridge over the Little River. If approaching from the south, the Field Station is the third driveway on the right after passing Kunoco. Wachtmeister Field Station has a single indoor restroom.

BRIEFLY

Community cleanup day

POTSDAM — The Potsdam Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Community Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help in cleaning up downtown Potsdam. All volunteers will meet at Ives Park at 9 a.m., where they will be assigned specific areas to clean up. Light refreshments will be provided. It is suggested that participants bring gloves and any gardening tools they have that might be useful. The Chamber will provide additional rakes, gloves, and bags. Individuals or groups interested in volunteering can sign at director@potsdamchamber.com or at www.potsdamchamber.com.

Sacred music festival

POTSDAM — The annual Festival of Sacred Music and Text, sponsored by the Potsdam Interfaith Community, will be held Sunday, April 27 at 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Church at 20 Lawrence Ave. The Festival brings together Potsdam's many faiths to share sacred music and readings with one another and with the community. Admission is free and open to the public. Dessert reception will follow. The Potsdam Interfaith Community (PIC) is an organization composed of religious communities. Info: potsdaminterfaith@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/diverse.community.



Local artist Catherine LaPointe-Vollmer, owner of Lionheart Graphics, will be going to France soon for an artist residency.

Local artist receives residency to paint in France

POTSDAM — A local artist will soon be painting en plein air in France, thanks to receiving an artist residency.

Catherine LaPointe-Vollmer has a freelance practice in Potsdam. She creates impressionistic landscape paintings in soft pastel, as well as retro-inspired graphic posters.

"I'll be taking part in an artist residency at Chateau d'Orquevaux in Orquevaux, France from May 30-June 12. This will be my first artist residency, as well as my first visit to France, so I'm very excited," she said.

"I plan to spend most of my time

painting en plein air (outdoors on location) with soft pastels," said Pointe-Vollmer.

"I'll basically have no demands on my time during those two weeks other than to let the creative energies take me in whichever direction they will," she said.

Housing and meals are provided as part of the residency, but not the plane fare. Catherine will be holding a studio sale to help cover some costs of the residency during the month of April.

See the sale online here: https://www.lionheartgraphics.com/store/c10/Featured_Products.html.

Berggren to perform at TAUNY

CANTON — Singer-songwriter Dan Berggren will perform live at the TAUNY Center, Main Street, on April 25 from 7-9 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Berggren will take listeners on a musical guided tour through the back roads of North Country folksong, exploring the stories and songs of lumberjacks, farmers, poets and people just trying to get by.

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PADDLING . . .

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Chuck Graham, an award-winning wildlife photographer, writer, waterman and kayak guide, takes us to the Channel Islands, about 20 miles off the coast of southern California, to explore the natural beauty of these remote islands.

These films showcase river and coastal paddling featuring remote and wild places, backcountry adventures, extreme whitewater descents, and help to encourage environmental awareness.

In addition to the films, we will be giving away paddling related door prizes throughout the evening courtesy of NRS (www.nrs.com), and you may enter a drawing to win a kayak touring, whitewater kayaking, pack-rafting or SUP composite fiberglass paddle from Aqua Bound!

Tickets are \$15 for adults in advance, \$20 at the door, and \$10 for students.

Tickets may be purchased online at the St. Lawrence Valley Paddlers website (www.slvpaddlers.org). Seating is limited, so get your tickets early to guarantee a seat.

Visit the St. Lawrence Valley Paddler's website for more information and to purchase tickets: <https://www.slvpaddlers.org/paddling-film-festival>.

CALENDAR . . .

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SAT., APRIL 12**Alcohol ink class**

NORWOOD -- Adults/kids 5 and older join artist, Kris R. at Norwood Public Library, 1 Morton St., from 1-2 p.m. on April 12 for the class "Alcohol Inked Animal Succulents." Create a stunning animal with inks and air guns. \$35 per project, including all materials. There are many animals to choose from. Dress for the mess! Call 315-212-0351 or email krisausie@hotmail.com to register for a spot.

Bob Ross paint class

NORWOOD -- The class "Paint Just Like Bob Ross in One Day" will be held Saturday, April 12 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Norwood Municipal Building with certified Bob Ross instructor Aaron William Markel. Supplies will be provided. Fee: \$55. Paypal: roadwarriormax@gmail.com. Venmo: @paintingwithaar-on. Reserve a spot at 315-514-5616.

Community Clean-Up Day

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Forest bathing walk

HERMON -- Join Sarah Pickard, ANFT certified forest therapy guide, at Lazy River Playground and Retreat Center, 456 Lazy River Road, on April 12 from 1-3:30 p.m. for a slow gentle mindful walk to awaken our senses and remember our connection to the natural world. The walk will begin at Lazy River Playground's Pavilion. Comfortable walking shoes/boots and layering to dress for the weather are recommended.

Rock show

POTSDAM -- ROUST Records presents Avant ROCK on Saturday, April 12, at 6 p.m. at the Potsdam Library. Glens Falls Avant Rockers, Roblox Tycoon are joined by Potsdam punkers, Past Doubt, and the debut of experimental rock duo, Animal Pyramid Face. \$10 door fee or what you can afford. No one turned away for lack of funds.

Spring open house

CANTON -- Prospective students and families are invited to attend SUNY Canton's Spring Open House event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 12. Guests can take a tour, meet with faculty, talk with current students, consult with financial aid representatives and enjoy a complimentary lunch in Chaney Dining Center. There will also be a drawing for prospective students to win one of three \$250 scholarships. Register: https://www.canton.edu/admissions/open_house.html. Info: admissions@canton.edu, 800-388-7123.

Young artists challenge

POTSDAM -- The Vernice N. Church Challenge for Young Artists is a unique opportunity for middle school and high school instrumental and vocal students who are "pursuing artistic growth. They perform for ONNY's professional musicians, then receive feedback and coaching from the panelists. It takes place on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.,

in the Crane School of Music, Rehearsal Room C143. The deadline to apply is March 29. Last spring, 15 students from around St. Lawrence County and as far away as Rome, NY, played their NYSSMA selections prior to that competition, which was held in May 2024. All participants receive a Certificate of Participation and written feedback from the panelists who include ONNY's Music Director, Colonel Michael J Colburn (USMC, Ret.). The application for the Challenge can be found at onny.org/youth-programs. Students must apply with a teacher(s) recommendation to be considered for the event. The selected work must be from the current NYSSMA Manual, Level 5 or 6. Memorization is NOT required. The non-refundable application fee is \$25 per student. For the guidelines and application for the Challenge for Young Artists, visit onny.org/youth-programs or call 315-212-3440.

Pelvic Floor & Core

CANTON -- There will be a Women's Wellness: Pelvic Floor & Core Strength Workshop with Mary Bartel Saturday, April 12, 1-3:30 p.m. at the Canton Yoga Loft, 21 Miner Street #2. Cost is \$50. Register at www.yoga-loft.org. Reclaim Your Strength & Confidence. Join us for an empowering Women's Wellness Workshop focused on strengthening your pelvic floor and core! Whether you're recovering from childbirth, managing discomfort, or you're looking to prevent or alleviate stress or urgency incontinence, this workshop will provide you with the tools to improve your pelvic health and enhance overall body strength. Mary is a highly qualified and experienced structural yoga therapist. She has been teaching yoga for 25 years! We, at the Canton Yoga Loft, are delighted to host this Women's Wellness workshop.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13**Chapel unplugged**

CANTON -- Gunnison Chapel on St. Lawrence University campus will host Chapel Unplugged on Sunday, April 13 and Sunday, May 4 at 4 p.m. Lice music, crafts, snacks to de-stress. All are welcome.

Church speaker

CANTON - On Sunday, April 13, at 10:30 a.m. the congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton, 3 1/2 E Main St., is honored to welcome the Rev. Dr. Nicole C. Kirk as a guest speaker for a special pulpit presentation titled "Heirs of the Past, Hope for the Future." This illuminating discourse will explore the rich legacy of Universalism and its profound influence on contemporary Unitarian Universalist theology and shared values. Info: (315) 386-2498 or office@uucantonny.org.

Pancake breakfast

CRARY MILLS -- There will be a pancake breakfast April 13 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Crary Mills Church, 159 County Route 35. \$8 for adults, \$5 for children, under 5 free. Meal to include pancakes, sausage, eggs, home fries, juice, and coffee.

Pancake breakfast

PIERREPONT -- The Pierrepont Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their annual Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 13, from 7:30-11:30 a.m. at the Pierrepont Firehall. Menu: pancakes, sausage, eggs, toast, juice, coffee. We will be serving local maple syrup. Price: adults - \$10, children 5-12 years old \$5 and children under 5 are free.

Spaghetti dinner

NORTH LAWRENCE -- A Help Jake Train in Spain spaghetti fundraiser is planned for April 13 from 4-8 p.m. at The Pit Stop Diner. Proceeds will help support local athlete Jake Evans and his goal of training in Spain. Julie J will be providing entertainment and there will be a Chinese auction, raffles, and more. Cost: \$15 adult, \$8 for 12 and younger. Five and younger free. Includes garlic bread, salad, drink, dessert. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/3sfyxr5a> to donate.

Waterfalls tour

CLARE -- The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) welcomes the public to take part in its annual tour of the Waterfalls of Tooley Pond Road. Tour Basford Falls, Twin Falls, Sinclair Falls, Rainbow Falls and Copper Rock Falls on Sunday, April 13. These are all short hikes with short drives in between. Suitable for all families and people of all ability levels. Contact Blair Madore at madorebf@potsdam.edu or 315-261-0751.

MONDAY, APRIL 14**Cinema 10: Nightbitch**

POTSDAM - Cinema 10 at the Roxy in Potsdam will screen *Nightbitch* (United States, 2024, d. Marielle Heller), a 99-minute rated R film, on April 14 at 7:15 p.m. The black comedy horror film written and directed by Marielle Heller and based on the 2021 novel by Rachel Yoder, tells the story of a woman who pauses her career to be a stay-at-home mom, but soon her domesticity takes a surreal turn as she slowly transforms into a dog. General Admission: \$6.50 for individual and \$55 for season tickets (shareable). Students and Senior Citizens: \$5.50 for individual and \$45 for season tickets (shareable). For more information please visit <https://www.cinema10.org>. Follow Cinema 10 on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CinemaTen. Follow Cinema 10 on Instagram at @cinema10potsdam.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15**Anti-bullying group**

POTSDAM -- Anti-bullying group meets at Potsdam Public Library Tuesday, April 15, 3:30 p.m. Join Jerry Newvine as he talks about the pitfalls of bullying, brings focus to positivity, and does it in a fun environment that involves workshop and game play. This group is designed for kids from grades 5 through 8. Parents and siblings welcome.

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Blood drive

LAWRENCE -- The American Red Cross is urging St. Lawrence County residents to donate blood or platelets this spring. With travel disruptions from winter weather and upcoming holiday travel, donors of all types, especially type O and platelet donors, are needed. Donors in April can enter to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards, and those who donate by April 13 will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card. Donors from April 14-30 will receive an exclusive Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last. Upcoming blood drive: Morristown, 1 p.m., Morristown High School, 408 Gouverneur St.

Chamber breakfast

OGDENSBURG -- The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Membership Breakfast Meeting from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15, at the Inn at Gran View in Ogdensburg. The event will feature Board of Director and officer appointments, along with reports from Chamber leadership on the past year's accomplishments and plans for the upcoming year. The "Chamber Appreciation" Award will also be presented to an individual or organization that has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the Chamber and its mission. "We look forward to gathering with members, partners, and local businesses to discuss the Chamber's impact on its members and the county, as well as our goals for the year ahead," said Ben Dixon, Executive Director. "It's a great opportunity to network, build new connections, and celebrate those who are working to enhance the vitality of our communities. This event is also an excellent way for business leaders to learn more about the Chamber of Commerce." All St. Lawrence County Chamber members, partners, and business leaders interested in membership are invited to attend. The \$30 admission fee includes a full breakfast with French toast, scrambled eggs, home fries, fruit, English muffins, and beverages. Members interested in sponsoring the Annual Membership Breakfast Meeting are encouraged to contact Ben Dixon at Ben@slcchamber.org. Online registration and payment are available in the member events section of [www.SLCchamber.org](http://SLCchamber.org). For more information about this and other Chamber events and programs, visit www.SLCchamber.org or call 315-386-4000.

Kids money class

POTSDAM -- Money Matters for Kids presents Money Monsters! Friday, April 15, at 4 p.m. at Potsdam Public Library. Join Mrs. Morrison and the Money Monsters, a group of creatures who are new to our universe who need to learn about important things like school, friendship, and financial literacy. Ages 8 and up. Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/4pm7ntnb>.

Mental health first aid

CANTON -- SUNY Canton will host "Mental Health First Aid" training that is open to the public on Saturday, Feb. 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (pre-class online work required); Thursday, March 6 and Friday, March 7, noon-4 p.m.; Thursday, March 20 and Friday, March 21, 8 a.m.-noon; Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (pre-class online work required); Wednesday, April 9 and Thursday, April 10, 8 a.m.-noon; Tuesday, April 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Certified professional staff members will lead the eight-hour courses. \$75 per person. Register online at <https://www.canton.edu/wcip/lifelong/mental-health/>.

Money Monsters

POTSDAM -- Join Money Monsters, a group of creatures who need to learn about important things like school, friendship, and financial literacy, at Potsdam Public Library Friday, April 15, at 4 p.m. It is for kids ages 8 and up. It will be presented by Mrs. Morrison, of Potsdam Library.

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CALENDAR . . .

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WEDS APRIL 16**Adult literacy info**

POTSDAM -- What is adult Literacy? It's really two programs in one. On one hand, it's helping a person who's birth language is English learn to become a better reader. On the other hand, it can be helping someone who is newer to English learn to converse with more confidence and clarity. The Adult Literacy Program based at Potsdam Library is both of these things and we're welcoming program director Bobby Gordon to our Community Room to tell us about the program and give you information about getting involved either as a learner or as a tutor. Everyone is welcome to this short, informative session.

Paddling Film Festival

CANTON -- St. Lawrence Valley Paddlers are hosting Rapid Media's 20th Annual Paddling Film Festival World Tour on April 16. This fun event will be held at the Fairfield Inn and Suites, 5955 US Route 11. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and films begin showing at 7 p.m. Features a variety of films from around the world, including whitewater kayaking from the arctic waters of the Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard, first descents of mile-deep canyons in Mexico and the 'certifiable lunatics' who practice freestyle kayaking during the winter months on the Chattahoochee River at the Alabama-Georgia border. Tickets are \$15 for adults in advance, \$20 at the door, and \$10 for students. Tickets may be purchased online at the St. Lawrence Valley Paddlers website (www.slv paddlers.org). Seating is limited.

THURS., APRIL 17**Bayside Cemetery walk**

POTSDAM -- The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) welcomes the public to take part in its weekly walk at Bayside Cemetery, Potsdam, on Thursday, April 17 at 7:30 a.m. The group will walk the roads for approximately 2 miles, 1 hour round trip. Meet at the entrance to the cemetery (730 CR59, aka Back Hannawa Road). Contact Marianne Hebert, hebertm@potsdam.edu or 315-265-0756.

Clarksboro Trail hike

CLARE -- The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) welcomes the public to take part in a hike of the Clarksboro Trail on Thursday, April 17 at 3:30 PM to a cliff above Tooley Pond Road. Easy, open to families. If time, we'll explore the old Clarksboro blast furnace site at Twin Falls. Contact Tom VandeWater 315-261-1723.

Fiddling for kids

POTSDAM -- Pre-schoolers ages 3-5 and their caregivers are invited to join fiddler Gretchen Koehler for a free musical story time at several local libraries in April. Koehler will be at Massena Public Library Thursday, April 17, at 10:00 a.m. This session will include a charming story, simple folk dances, and end with a sweet fiddle lullaby. Register online at Musical Storytime with Fiddler Gretchen Koehler, April 3, April 9, April 17 - TAUNY Folkstore .

Vet science program

CANTON -- A Vet Science Program designed for youth ages 13-18 will be offered at March 20 and 27, and April 3, 10 and 17 from 6:30-8 p.m. at SUNY Canton. Class topics include emergency care, suturing, clinical pathology, surgery and more. For more information contact Carmen Hostetter: crh248@cornell.edu or call 315-379-9192 Extension 224. Registration fees are \$40 for enrolled 4-H members and \$65 for non-4-H members. To register: <https://bit.ly/40xzV0d> .

FRIDAY, APRIL 18**Fish fry**

PIERREPOINT -- The Pierrepont Volunteer Fire Department will be serving Lenten fish fries every Friday, from 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and is take-out only. The meal includes breaded haddock, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, brownie and a roll.

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. The menu consists of fried haddock fillet (skinless), fresh cut french fries or homemade mac & cheese or half and half, coleslaw, and a roll. Hot dogs are also available instead of fish. The price is \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids. They are also offering a hot dog meal for \$5. The auxiliary will be selling baked goods for dessert.

KC Karaoke

HEUVELTON - AMVETS Post 1997, 107 State St., will host Friday night KC Karaoke on April 4, 11, 18, and 25, from 6-9 p.m. A Queen of Hearts drawing will be held at 7 p.m.

SAT., APRIL 19**Earth Day 7k Run/Walk**

CANTON - Nature Up North's 9th Annual Earth Day 7k Run/Walk will step off on April 19, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. One of the few annual trail races in the North

Country, proceeds from this race benefit local conservation and environmental education initiatives. Race day registration opens at 9 a.m., or you can register ahead of time on the Nature Up North website. Walkers are welcome to start their race as early as 10 a.m., and are encouraged to start before 10:30 when the runners begin. All participants will start and finish the race at the Wachtmeister Field Station. Runner's times will be recorded and available after the event. Join us after the race for raffle prizes and refreshments. In the past, Nature Up North had t-shirts for sale, but to keep with the spirit of Earth Day decided to limit the potential for waste this year. Instead, try to create your own "Earth Day Ensemble" of clothing for the race to show off your unique style. The race fee is \$25 for general admittance and \$15 for students. Youth 12 and under are free. All proceeds for this event will benefit local conservation and environmental education projects in the North Country.

Barn quilt class

WADDINGTON -- Lake Saint Lawrence Arts will host the "Brown & Ivory Cross" Barn Quilt class on Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at The Old Town Hall, 38 Main St. Cost: \$55. All materials provided. Different colors of brown to choose from. Bring lunch, and a drink and wear old clothes. Must pre-register at www.lakesaintlawrencearts.com, email lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com, or call 315-705-1241 or 315-705-5198.

Character creation

POTSDAM - SLC Arts will host the kid-focused class Create a Character with Chris Uribe on April 19 from 1-3 p.m. at the Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St. \$10 registration. All class materials will be provided. <https://slc-arts-council.myshopify.com/products/create-a-character-with-chris-uribe> .

Egg Hunt in Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG -- An egg hunt will be offered at Ogdensburg Public Library on Saturday, April 19, at 11 a.m. Bring your mini-me's aged 2-10 for an egg-stral special time.

Jazz dance

CANTON -- The Yoga Loft, 21 Miner Street #2, will offer the class Jazz Dance for youth aged 7-11 with Sophia DeGennaro on Saturdays 9:30-10:30 a.m., from April 19-Jun 7. Eight weeks, \$100 for the series. Register at www.yoga-loft.org. Jazz dance is a blended American style, with its roots in African dance, African American culture, and European dance styles. We will focus on basic jazz technique, and rhythmic dancing.

Kids plant workshop

MASSENA -- A children's plant workshop for ages 18 and under will be offered

Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m. at Massena Public Library. Learn how to plant and care for a pathos and spider plant. Take them home at the end of the program. Registration is required, as space is limited. To register, call 315-769-9914.

Latin American concert

CANTON -- The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton, Main Street, will feature the concert "The Cicada Also Sings: An Evening of Latin American Songs" on Saturday, April 19, from 6-7 p.m. The public is invited to this live performance of contemporary songs from Argentina, Chile, Cuba, and Uruguay with musicians Oscar Sarmiento, Mark Seymour and Caron Collins. This concert will introduce the audience to salient Latin American songwriters and include a presentation on the cultural and musical features of the songs. Lyrics will be shared and explained in English. Please come prepared to fully enjoy an hour of music and conversation. Refreshments will be provided. This performance is part of the World Spirituality Practices Project (WiSPP) supported by a grant from the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Resurrection service

NORWOOD -- A midnight resurrection service will be held Saturday, April 19 at 11:30 p.m. at St. Olympia Orthodox Church, 34 N. Main St., After the service will follow a basket blessing and food.

Poetry open mic

POTSDAM -- Potsdam Public Library is excited to host a poetry open mic competition on Saturday, April 19, 1-3 p.m., that will end with one poem being chosen to be placed inside a locally built violin. Dr. Tim Yip, Haddon Brown and Dean Thornton are crafting the violin from north country materials, supported by a SLC Arts grant. Upcoming performances will highlight the region's natural and human resources. .

Punk Patch Printmaking

POTSDAM - SLC Arts will host a punk

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patch printmaking workshop with Nadia Atkinson on April 19 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6-8 Raymond St. \$15 registration. Learn how to make your own patches to add to your wardrobe for the next DIY punk show at SLC Arts. <https://slc-arts-council.myshopify.com/products/punk-patches-with-nadia-atkinson> .

Spring Fling

MASSENA -- There will be a spring fling trip fundraiser hosted by the Massena Senior Citizens at the community room, 61 Beach St., on Saturday, April 19 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be a quilt raffle, bake sale and lunch from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. SKILO will be played from 1-3 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle.

Star Wars trivia

CANTON -- Going to Tahiti Productions, One Steep at a Time and Canton Apples present a STAR WARS MOVIE Trivia Night at the Canton Apples Ciderhouse, 339 State Highway 310, on April 19 at 7 p.m. Calling all Jawas, Wookies, and Scruffy Looking Nerf-Herders! Settle in to the Canton Apples Cider House, have some nosh, and get ready to show off your knowledge of Star Wars Movies.

Come with a team assembled, or make some friends and create one when you arrive. May the Force be with you! And please be aware that this Millennium Falcon has limited seating! Cost to attend is \$15.

Trivia Night Fundraiser

CANTON -- The Canton Rotary Club will be hosting a Trivia Night Fundraiser on Saturday, April 19 at the Best Western University Inn. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and trivia will be from 7-9 p.m. Teams may consist of 3 to 6 players. Entry fee is \$25 per player. Questions will be on a variety of topics with prizes for first and second place. There will also be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. A cash bar, light snacks and limited menu will be available. To register, or for further information, call Susie Davis at 315-714-2643.



Mountain Club chapter plans outings

The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) welcomes the public to take part in its upcoming hiking and outing events this spring.

For more information about a particular event, contact the leader/organizer for that event.

If you've questions about the overall program or about the ADK, contact Dana Chudzinski at 315-244-5315 or chudzki63@yahoo.com

Scheduled for this spring are:

- Thursday April 17 – Clarksboro Trail. Short afternoon hike at 3:30 PM to a cliff above Tooley Pond Road. Easy, open to families. If time, we'll explore the old Clarksboro blast furnace site at Twin Falls. Contact Tom VandeWater 315-261-1723.

- Tuesday April 22 – Cat Mountain. A long hike from Wanakena. Variable conditions, often wet (or snowy). Moderately strenuous. Contact Tom VandeWater at 315-261-1723.

- Saturday April 26 - Frontenac Provincial Park. Arkon Lake Loop. Views of several lakes and ponds in Canadian Shield country. 8 miles, moderately strenuous, Contact John Barron at 613-828-2296 or johnbaron@sympatico.ca.

- Thu May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Weekly Walk, Munter Trail Potsdam. 7:30 a.m. We will walk the trails for approximately 2 miles, 1-hour round trip. Meet in the parking lot behind the Clarkson Walker Arena and Hantz Field off Clarkson Ave., aka Back Hannawa Rd and CR 59. Contact Marianne Hebert,

heberthm@potsdam.edu or 315-265-0756 for information.

- Saturday May 3 - Red Sandstone Trailwork. Projects may include weedwhacking, brush trimming, bridge building, sign posting and switchback construction. Dress for the weather and bring tools if you have them. All ages welcome. Contact Blair Madore at 315-261-

0751 or madorebf@potsdam.edu.

- Sat May 17 - The Moore Trail: We will hike along the Oswegatchie River from Wanakena to Inlet and back. There is a picnic table at Inlet where we can relax with some snacks before we head back. 4 miles round trip, easy. Contact Holly Woodworth at hswoodworth@gmail.com or 815-848-2953.

OBITUARIES

Joseph P. Catanzarite, 83

Massena

MASSENA - With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Joseph P. Catanzarite, affectionately known as "Joe Cat," who passed away peacefully on April 3, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Joe was born on January 21, 1942, in Massena, NY to the late Joseph R. And Phoebe (Trimboli) Catanzarite.

Joe was a proud graduate of Massena Central High School and went on to earn his bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University in 1963. His studies also took him abroad to the University of Madrid, Spain, where he deepened his love for language and culture.

Joe dedicated his life to education, teaching Spanish at Holy Family, Massena Central, and Salmon River before spending 25 meaningful years as an ESL teacher at the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility. Beyond the classroom, Joe was a beloved figure in the Massena community. He owned and operated, The 284 Club, a cherished local restaurant and bar that became a gathering place for friends, family, and countless fond memories.

Above all else, Joe was a devoted husband and proud father.

In March of 1985, he married the love of his life, Joni (Ashley) Catanzarite, at St. Mary's Church, with the ceremony officiated by the late Msgr. Pendergast. Over their 40 years of marriage, they built a life filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories.

Together, they raised two daughters, Marlayna and Andrea, who were the light of his life and the center of his world.

In addition to the time he devoted to his family, Joe found joy in life's simple pleasures—whether he was tending to his vegetable plants or planting colorful flowers, he loved soaking up the sunshine and caring for each plant with patience and pride.

A devout Catholic, Joe never missed Sunday Mass, grounding his life in faith and tradition.



Joseph P. Catanzarite

He also cherished Thursday nights at the Italian American Club and never missed a Sunday dinner at his sister's—traditions that brought him happiness and kept him close to the people he loved most.

Joe is survived by his devoted wife, Joni, and their two daughters, Marlayna and

her husband Chris Salz of Cicero, NY, and Andrea Catanzarite of Syracuse, NY—both of whom brought him endless pride and joy. He is also lovingly remembered by his nephews Paul Bombard and Duane Bombard and his wife Linda, and his niece Michele Bombard, all of Massena, NY. In addition, Joe leaves behind a large extended family of cherished cousins, nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends, all of whom held a special place in his heart.

Joe was predeceased by his parents, as well as his beloved sisters, Anna May Bombard and Josie Catanzarite.

Calling hours will be held Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at Phillips Memorial Home, Massena, from 2:00–4:00 PM and 6:00–8:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Sacred Heart Church, officiated by Reverend Mark Riley. Burial will take place at a later date in Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

Joe will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His legacy of love, kindness, sense of humor, and dedication to family will live on in the hearts of all who loved him. May he rest in peace.

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

Judith Converse, 66

Hopkinton

A Celebration of Life to honor and remember Judy will be held on Saturday, April 12th from 4 to 6 pm at the Hopkinton Town Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to The Judith A. Converse Memorial Scholarship Fund, in cooperation with



Northern NY Community Foundation, at <https://bit.ly/Converse-Scholarship>. Judith Ann Converse, 66, of Hopkinton, passed away on February 1, 2025, at Buffalo General Hospital after a brief illness.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hammill Funeral Home in Winthrop.

Call for artists for juried show

day, 6-7:30 p.m.; May 8, Thursday, 1-4 p.m.; May 9, Friday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 1-4 p.m. Maximum size is 36 inches by 36 inches and pieces for hanging must be wired. Entry fee: Members \$10 for up to two pieces, additional \$5 for 3rd piece. Non-members \$15 for up to 2 pieces, additional \$5 for 3rd piece.

maapresident2024@gmail.com.

Mary Miller Dalton, 72

Lisbon

Catholic Charities, where she developed a deep connection with her clients, offering them guidance and support.

Additionally, Mary maintained a private counseling practice for seven years from the comfort of her home, further extending her compassionate reach.

Mary's warmth, intelligence, and loving spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She lived a life grounded in faith, family, and service to others, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, education, and care.

Calling hours for Mary will be held at the Phillips Memorial Home in Waddington located at 28 Clinton Street on Friday, April 11, 2025, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm and 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at St. Mary's Church with Rev. Garry Giroux and Rev. J. Seymour co-officiating.

Burial to take place in the parish cemetery at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Mary's name to the Dialysis Unit of Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center; 214 King St, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or to the Muscular Dystrophy Association; 6315 Fly Road, Suite 102, East Syracuse, NY, 13057

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

RECENT DEATHS

RICHARD BAILEY, 75, formerly of Potsdam, Dec. 21. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home.

PATRICIA O'BRIEN, 76, formerly of Norwood, March 22.

JACK WYLIE, 87, formerly of Morristown, March 27.

MARY DALTON, 72, Lisbon, March 28. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Waddington.

RONNIE BICE, 74, Russell, March 30. Arrangements with O'Leary Funeral Service, Canton.

ROBERT CARD, 73, Hermon, April 2. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

IRIS CALDWELL, 61, Akwesasne, April 2. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

DOUGLAS PLUMB, 68, Canton, April 2. Arrangements with O'Leary Funeral Service, Canton.

JOSEPH CATANZARITE, 83, Massena, April 3. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

FREDERICK LAFLAIR, 73, Ogdensburg, April 3. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

HANNAH EMHOFF, 90, formerly of Canton, April 3. Arrangements with O'Leary Funeral Service, Canton.

DONNA DONNELLY, 75, Massena, April 4. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

CAROL HEALY, 85, Brasher Falls, April 4. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

RICHARD RUSHLO, 87, Edwards, April 4. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Edwards.

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OBITUARIES**Jack Thomas Wylie, 87**

Formerly of Morristown

MORRISTOWN - Jack Thomas Wylie, 87, of Clifton Springs, NY, passed away on March 27, 2025. He was a Family man, Educator, Scout, Church Leader, and Builder.

Born on April 7, 1937 in Morristown, NY, Jack was the son of Mary Pray and James Harold Wylie. He graduated from Morristown Central School in 1956 and later earned his Bachelor's degree from SUNY Oswego. He dedicated his career to education, first teaching at BOCES for 3 years before becoming a Professor and College Advisor at SUNY Canton, where he retired after 23 years.

Jack proudly served in the United States Air Force for 4 years. A dedicated mentor to young people, he coached Little League, served as a Webelos and Boy Scout leader, was a Boy Scout Master Chairman and received the Silver Beaver Award for his dedicated service.

Jack was an active member of the Presbyterian Churches in the many communities where he lived. He served as an Elder and Trustee, donating his time and talents to his church and community.

Throughout his life, both before



Jack Wylie

and after retirement, he took pride in his construction projects, completing additions and renovations in Ogdensburg, Canton, and New Bern. His craftsmanship and generosity were evident in the Carolina rooms and home improvements he built for friends and acquaintances.

Jack was an avid golfer who loved sharing the game with others. His golfing highlight was playing the "Old Course" in Scotland. He enjoyed boating and swimming on the St. Lawrence River and had a love for travel. A dedicated sports fan, he cheered on SU, Notre Dame, the NY Mets, and the Buffalo Bills. Some of his happiest years were spent living along the 8th fairway in New Bern, NC, for 14 years.

Jack was a devoted husband of 67 years, to his beloved wife and best friend, Margaret Davies Wylie. Together, they built a life full of

service, friendship, and adventure, making wonderful friends in each community they called home.

He is survived by his children, David (Lori) Wylie, Diane Wylie Brown, Phil (Karen) Wylie, and Mary Kathryn (Brian) Coakley; his grandchildren, Miranda, Alyssa, Jenna, Brittany, Bryant, Peter, Ryan, Claire, Lauren, and Griffin; and his great-grandchildren, Charlotte and Camryn, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his eight siblings.

A memorial service will be held on May 10, 2025, at 1:00 PM at the Presbyterian Stone Church, 533 Stone Church Road, Ogdensburg, NY, with burial to follow at the Davies Family Cemetery overlooking Black Lake.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: SUNY Canton, Canton College Foundation, College Foundation Office, 34 Cornell Drive, Canton, NY 13617

Jack unselfishly served his family, his country, the community, and the youth, with complete dedication and enthusiasm.

He will be deeply missed.

James R. "JJ" Walker, 71

Madrid

MADRID - The family of James R. "JJ" Walker, of School St, Madrid, is saddened to share the news of his passing. Jim passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

James was born on April 22, 1953, in Ogdensburg, NY, son of the late William and Ruth (Rose) Walker of Chipman, NY. He attended Madrid-Waddington Central School, graduating in 1971. He continued his education at ATC in Canton.

JJ was an avid Fireman and Harley Davidson rider. Serving for 28 years in Jefferson County as Chief of Felts Mills FD, Assistant Chief of Felts Mills FD, and past president of Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association. More recently, for the past 10 years, he served as an active fireman for Madrid Volunteer Fire Department. Also, on occasion, driving for Madrid Rescue when needed.

He rode motorcycles for most of his life. Riding to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island with his "brother from another mother" Jim Putman, in the year of 1978. Belonging to the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club, local #35 for the last several years. There he served as the secretary-treasurer. He was chosen as the Red Knight of the year for New York State in 2024.

He was also a member of Chipman 4H as a young man showing animals at the local county fair, along with Scotch Presbyterian Church of Chipman.

James is survived by his devoted wife Cheryl LaBarge, his sons William Walker of Clayton, NY, and James and wife Marja Walker of Croghan, NY. His stepchildren Angela Foster of Parishville, NY, and William and wife Heather Sova of Winthrop, NY. JJ Also survived by his 8 grandchildren and 6

great-grandchildren...affectionately known to "Pop" as the varmints! His sister Norma Jean and husband Gary Coloton of Annapolis, MD, also by a nephew and a niece, along with great-nieces and nephews.

James was predeceased by his parents William and Ruth Walker and a niece.

Arrangements are under the care of Philips Memorial Homes, Madrid. Friends and family may call Friday, April 4, 2025, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm with a prayer service by the Madrid Fire Dept. at 3:00pm. Funeral services for JJ will be held 11:00am on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the Phillips Memorial Home, Madrid with Pastor Betsy Westman officiating. You are invited to a reception following the service in the community room at the Scotch Presbyterian Church in Chipman to share in food and fellowship. Burial to take place in Madrid Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Madrid Fire Dept.; P.O. Box 69, Madrid, New York 13660. Madrid Rescue Squad; P.O. Box 129 or the SLC Cancer Fund; P.O. Box 291, Canton New York 13617.

The family would also like to thank St. Lawrence Palliative Care and Hospice, for their support and care over the past few weeks.

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

Robert L. Card, 73

Hermon

HERMON - Robert L. Card, 73 of Hermon died on Wednesday, April 2 with his siblings by his side at Samaritan Summit Village, Watertown, where he has been a resident.

Robert has made many friends at the home both staff and residents. He always kept everyone entertained. He always made people laugh. The family of Robert, (Bob), or (Bobby) would like to thank everyone at Samaritan Summit Village for all their friendship and loving care.

Robert L. Card was born on January 13, 1952 in Gouverneur, N.Y. He was the son of the late Raymond and Catherine (Weiler) Card. He attended Hermon Dekalb School.

He worked at Gouverneur Talc mines. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping. He especially loved four-wheeling. We hope they have one wherever he is now! He enjoyed visiting and helping neighbors, friends and family.

Robert is survived by his siblings; brother, Richard and Debi Card, Gouverneur NY and their children David, Jimmy and Julie; Sister Kathy and Terry Tynon, Jacksonville, NC and their children Shantell and Shane; Sister Melanie

and Doug Mattice, Rensselaer Falls NY and their children DJ, Jason and Mystori; sister Diana and Mark Richardson, Canton NY and their child Julianna; sister Penny and Mitch Hays, Gouverneur, NY and their children Shandria and Ariana; sister Darlene Thornton, Jamestown TN and her children Travis

Church and Brittany Thornton; a foster sister Tammy Olin of Clearfield, PA and her child Khrystal. We will have a graveside service at Fairview Cemetery, Edwards, NY at a date to be announced.

Donations in Robert's memory may be made in his name to the Fairview Cemetery, Edwards, NY 13635.

Arrangements are under the direction of Frary Funeral Home and cremation services, Ogdensburg.

Online condolences may be made at: www.FraryFuneralHome.com.

Shirley A. Silver, 83

Massena

MASSENA - Shirley A. Silver, age 83, passed away on Friday, March 28, 2025, at Tupper Lake Nursing Home.

Calling hours for friends and family will be on Friday, April 4, 2025, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Phillips Memorial Home, in Massena.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home.

Burial to take place at the convenience of the family.

Born on January 4, 1942, in Massena, NY the daughter of the late Lawrence and Elizabeth (Amo) St. Thomas.

She attended Massena High School and shortly after started working in food services.

She was a very familiar face at the Via Main Restaurant for over many years.

In her younger years, Shirley used to bowl on many different bowling leagues.



Shirley Silver

They enjoyed many activities including snowmobiling, going to the China Doll and Via Main Restaurant, along with friends and family.

Shirley is survived by her two children, a son James and wife Kathy Silver of Montoursville, PA; Shelly Silver of Massena and companion Richard Lanthier of Montreal, Quebec. Four grandchildren, Ethan and Ben Snider of Massena, Jasmine and Daxton Silver, and

Jameson Keeler all of Montoursville, PA.

Shirley is also survived by her sister Linda Heath of Kirkville, NY; a brother, Michael and wife Mary Vierno of Massena, NY, a sister in-law Linda St. Thomas of Massena, NY, along with several nieces and nephews that held a special place in her heart.

In addition to her parents, Shirley was also predeceased, her step-father, Joseph Vierno, and brothers James and Ronald St. Thomas along with a brother in-law James Heath.

Donations in her memory may be acknowledged with the Massena Humane Society; P.O. Box 145, Massena, New York 13662 and The Massena Public Library; 41 Glenn Street, Massena, New York 13662.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The Ogdensburg Housing Authority (OHA) will receive proposals for Architectural/Engineering Services no later than 2:00 p.m. EST on Monday, April 28, 2025 at the OHA office located at 1101 Jay Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Submittals must be in strict adherence with the specifications cited in the RFQ, copies of which are available at the Ogdensburg Housing Authority, 1101 Jay Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or by email with request to Carol Basford, Executive Director, at cbasford@ogdensburgha.com.

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OSWEGATCHIE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE

NOTICE that the Town of Oswegatchie's Site Plan Review Board will hold a public hearing on April 28, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall, 51 State Street, Heuvelton, NY with regards to a proposed AutoZone auto parts store located at 7640 SH 68 in the Town of Oswegatchie. The Town Site Plan Review Board will be the lead agency with regards to the State Environmental Quality Review hearing, which will be conducted at the same time. A full copy of the application is available at the Town Clerk's office, 51 State Street, Heuvelton, NY for inspection by appointment only. Dated April 11, 2025. Vicki L. Thornhill, Town Clerk

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Oswegatchie is proposing to pass Local Law 1 of the year 2025 concerning energy storage system. There will be a public hearing at the municipal building on Monday, April 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm. The public hearing will be held at 51 State Street, Heuvelton, New York 13654. The Local Law concerns the battery energy storage system law. A complete copy of the law is available upon request at the Town Clerk's Office.

Dated: March 17, 2025 Charles B. Nash, Attorney for Town of Oswegatchie

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LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Morristown Central School District, Morristown, County of St. Lawrence, New York, will be held in the Library of the Main School Building, located at 408 Gouverneur Street, Morristown, NY, in said District on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the presentation of the proposed 2025-26 budget. The proposed budget will be available for District residents' review beginning no later than Monday, April 28, 2025, in the District's Main Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, as well as on the District's webpage at <https://www.greenrockets.org> (under Board tab).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual budget vote and election of the qualified voters of the Morristown Central School District, St. Lawrence County, New York will be held in the Main Lobby of the Main School Building, located at 408 Gouverneur Street, Morristown, NY, in said District on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, between the hours of Noon and 8:00 p.m., at which time the polls will be opened to vote by paper ballot upon the following items:

To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District. The Proposed 2025-26 Budget is \$11,742,305, an increase of 1.7%, with a school tax levy of 2.38%.

To authorize to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of \$66,278 (a \$2,499 increase to the current annual appropriation of \$63,779), which shall be paid to the Morristown Public Library for the support and maintenance of the library; with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Morristown Central School District.

To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education with three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2028.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2025-2026 fiscal year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District, beginning no later than Monday, April 28, 2025, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Main Office, Morristown Central School.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the District Clerk of said School District at the District Office in Morristown Central School, no later than Monday, April 21, 2025, no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT. Each petition shall be directed to the District Clerk and shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate, and must state the name and address of each signer.

FURTHER NOTICE HEREY GIVEN, that pursuant to the Education Law, that qualified voters of the District may obtain applications for an absentee ballot by contacting the District Clerk at (315) 375-8814, ext. 21001 or in person between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays. Completed applications must be received in the District Office at least seven (7) days prior to election, by May 13, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., for ballot mailing. The completed absentee ballot must be received at the District Office, Morristown Central School, 408 Gouverneur Street - PO Box 217, Morristown, NY 13664, prior to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. A list of persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection in the District Clerk's Office, during regular business hours, during each of the five days prior to the election, except Sundays.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that qualified voters can request an early voting mail ballot application from District Clerk Stacey Basford at sbasford@mcsk12.org or call (315) 375-8814, ext. 21001. Completed applications must be received in the District Office at least seven (7) days prior to the election, by May 13, 2025, for ballot mailing. Ballots must be received at the District Office, Morristown Central School, 408 Gouverneur Street - PO Box 217, Morristown, NY 13664, prior to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the vote except Sundays, and such list will also be posted at the polling place or places for the vote.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (315) 375-8814, ext. 21001 or by email at sbasford@mcsk12.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than April 24, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, fax, or email.

Ms. Stacey L. Basford, District Clerk
Morristown Central School District
PO Box 217 ~ 408 Gouverneur Street
Morristown, NY 13664
(315) 375-8814, x21001
(315) 375-8604 FAX
sbasford@mcsk12.org
www.greenrockets.org

**MORRISTOWN
LEGAL NOTICE**

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE**

Massena Savings and Loan, Mortgage Servicer:
255 Main Street, Massena, **Massena Savings and Loan
255 Main Street
Massena, New York 13662
(315) 764-0541**

Plaintiff,

-against-

NOTICE OF SALE

Index No.: EFCV-24-165651
RJI No.: 44-1-2024-0254

DEREK M. SANDERSON, KATHERINE V. SANDERSON,
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT
ENFORCEMENT(o/b/o Jason M. Shorette), and TOWN
OF CANTON COURT (o/b/o The People of The State of
New York),
Defendants.

In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the above-entitled action on February 21, 2025, I, the undersigned, the referee in said Judgment named, will sell at public auction at the St. Lawrence County Courthouse, in the Old Main Entrance Lobby, in the Village of Canton, County of St. Lawrence and State of New York, on the 30th day of April, 2025 at 10:00 in the forenoon on that day, the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold and described therein as follows: 29 Nickerson Road, Town of Canton, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York; Tax Map No.: 103.001-1-1. See attached Exhibit "A". Said premises to be sold subject to assessments and water rates; subject to existing leases and tenancies, if any; subject to zoning restrictions, covenants, easements, conditions, reservations and agreements of record, if any, as they may be enforceable; subject to any state of facts as may appear from an accurate up-to-date survey; subject to facts as to possession and occupancy and subject to whatever the physical conditions of the premises may be; subject to any violations of the zoning and other municipal ordinances and regulations, if any; subject to the right of redemption by the federal government, if any. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$33,766.17 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment.

Dated: March , 2025

FRANCIS P. CAPPELLO, ESQ., Referee
Pease and Gustafson, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, Office and P.O. Address, 40 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662

EXHIBIT "A" ALL THAT PART OF Mile Square No. 4, Range No. 8, South of Nickerson Road in the Town of Canton, County of St. Lawrence and State of New York, described as follows: **BEGINNING** at a point in the center of Nickerson Road at the Northeast corner of lands of Hollis Brown and Leon and Harriet Brown (Liber 348, Page 37). Said point distant 820.9 feet Southwesterly from the intersection of the centerlines of Nickerson Road and the Canton-Russell Road and running: 1) Thence on an assumed bearing S 21° 25' 20" E, a distance of 274.10 feet along the East line of Brown to an iron re-rod set. This course passes through an iron re-rod set 24.75 feet from the road center. 2) Thence S 65° 42' 20" E a distance of 45.10 feet along the North line of lands of Amos and Alma Butler (Liber 514, Page 235) to an iron re-rod set on top of a bank 20 feet South of a small brook. 3) Thence N 48° 54' 50" E a distance of 131.30 feet along Butler's North line to an iron re-rod set. 4) Thence N. 33° 16' 10" E a distance of 311.20 feet along Butler's North line to an iron re-rod set. 5) Thence S 03° 19' 40" W a distance of 86 feet, still along Butler, to the center of Nickerson Road. This course passes through an iron re-rod set 26.03 feet from the road center. 6) Thence S 68° 39' 20" W a distance of 435.80 feet along the center of Nickerson Road to the point of beginning. **CONTAINING** 2.044 acres of land more or less as surveyed January 30, 1984, by Fred Wilhelm, L.S. 4948A.

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**

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

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services, St. Lawrence/Lewis Counties, in accordance with Sections 103 of Article 5-A, of the General Municipal Law, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for **RFB # 25-26** **INST PAPER**
COSMETOLOGY. Bids will be received until **Thursday, April 24, 2025 @ 11:00 AM** at the St. Lawrence/Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Office, 40 W Main Street, PO Box 231, Canton, NY 13617. Bid will be open and read aloud at this time and location. Bids shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes entitled "Bid Request - RFB # 25-26 INST PAPER 1st Re-bid."

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE
Village of Potsdam

Request for Qualifications – Architectural and Engineering Services
The Village of Potsdam is seeking Statements of Qualification from New York State licensed architectural and engineering firms or teams for professional design services related to the renovation and expansion of the Pine Street Arena and improvements at Sandstoner Park, located at 43 Pine Street, Potsdam, NY. This project is funded through the New York State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (Project #C1002628). The scope includes schematic design, design development, environmental review, permitting, and preparation of certified construction documents. Emphasis will be placed on community engagement and transforming the facility into a regional center for year-round athletics and recreation. A pre-proposal walk-through will be held on April 15, 2025 at 1:30 PM at the project site. Interested parties must contact David Thurlow, Village Economic Developer, to register. A Notice of Intent to Submit must be received by the Village Clerk no later than April 18, 2025. Complete submissions, including two hard copies and one electronic copy (on flash drive), are due by 1:00 PM on April 29, 2025, and must be delivered to:

Ms. Georgine Scott, Clerk
P.O. Box 5168
2 Park Street
Potsdam, NY 13676
The full Request for Qualifications document is available by contacting the Village Clerk or visiting the Village website. For questions or additional information, contact: David Thurlow, Economic Developer
Village of Potsdam Planning and Development Office
(315) 265-1670
The Village of Potsdam is an Equal Opportunity Employer. NYS certified Minority-, Woman-, and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses are encouraged to respond.

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

Notice of Formation of Camp Beaulieu LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/24/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The LLC: 497 Water St. North Lawrence, NY 12967. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of Debes Family Camp, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND
ELECTION
HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Hermon-DeKalb Central School District, St. Lawrence County, DeKalb Junction, NY (the "District"), will be held Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:00 PM, for the presentation of the budget in the School Library.

NOTICE IS GIVEN, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the District will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 1:00 to 8:00 PM, at Hermon-DeKalb Central School, at which time qualified voters may vote upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the District for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To adopt a proposition to authorize the purchase of two passenger school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$340,000 and that such cost shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, and in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary, not to exceed such estimated maximum aggregate cost shall be issued.
3. To elect two (2) members of the Board, to a five (5) year term each, to fill seats currently held by Jaclyn teRiele and John Wright and (1) member to a (2) year term to fill the seat currently held by Christopher Stransky.
4. Shall the Board of Education of the Hermon-DeKalb Central School District, be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for a ten-year term pursuant to section 3651 of the Education Law to be named "2025 Capital Reserve Fund" and such fund in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, inclusive of accrued interest and other investment earnings to be used for renovations and additions to all District facilities, purchase of equipment, school buses and vehicles, technology upgrades, classroom equipment and/or school infrastructure equipment, site development, athletic fields, storm and sanitary sewer, driveways, and parking lots, such reserve fund to be funded from (i) year-end budget surplus funds known as unassigned fund balance, as available, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter for the term of the reserve fund, (ii) transfers of excess monies from Board of Education designated reserves, (iii) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time and (iv) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law?

NOTICE IS GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2025-2026, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning Wednesday, April 30, 2025, on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, at the Hermon-DeKalb Central School.

NOTICE IS GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of members of the Board of Education shall be filed in the District Clerk's Office between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM not later than Monday, April 21, 2025. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least 25 voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (315) 347-3442 or danson@hdcsk12.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 PM on April 24, 2025. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or email.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that qualified voters may obtain applications for absentee ballots and early mail vote ballots from the District Clerk's office. Completed applications for absentee ballots and early mail vote ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on May 13, 2025 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, and by 5:00 PM on May 19, 2025 if the voter will personally appear at the District Clerk's Office to receive an absentee ballot or an early mail vote ballot. A listing of all persons to whom a military, absentee ballot or early mail vote ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter during regular business hours in the District Clerk's Office each of the five days prior to the election, except Sundays, and shall also be posted at the polling place at the Election.

NOTICE IS GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident with the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election and (4) not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law.

NOTICE IS GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education any voter-submitted propositions must be filed with the Hermon-DeKalb Central School Board of Education on or before April 21, 2025 at 3:30 PM, must be typed or printed in English, must be directed to the Clerk of the School District and signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District.

District Clerk: Donna J. Anson
Dated: March 18, 2025
School District: Hermon-DeKalb Central School
Town of DeKalb, County of St. Lawrence, New York

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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 an RN. The position is full-time, 35 hours per week, 43 weeks/year following the school calendar. The salary is \$21.20 per hour.

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

Teacher - Gouverneur Center-Bachelor or Associate degree in Early Childhood. Supervisory experience is a plus. The salary range is \$20.02 to \$21.20 per hour depending on the degree.

Assistant Teachers - Massena (1) **Gouverneur (1) Center:** Person must have a minimum of a CDA (Child Development Accreditation), or a written plan of study. Early childhood experience preferred. The salary range is \$16.76 -\$17.69 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. Must enjoy working with preschool-aged children. The salary range is \$16.76 to \$17.69 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. The 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.

Bus Monitor/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.

Anticipated openings in the Fall for all positions: Teachers, Assistant Teachers, Classroom Aides, Cooks, Family Advocates, Health Professionals, Bus Monitors, 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.



HEUVELTON Central School District

is accepting applications
for the following:

2025-26 TENURE-TRACK POSITION

School Counselor

Online applications available at
https://www.heuvelton.k12.ny.us/

Please include a letter of interest, completed application, transcripts, resume, certification, and three current letters of recommendation.

NYS certification required.

Deadline: April 11, 2025

Direct inquiries to:

Tessa Herron, District Clerk,

therron@heuvelton.k12.ny.us or 315-344-2414 x28891

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ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY Principal Clerk Bookkeeper

SLU Bookstore

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

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

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

St. Lawrence University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY General Laborer

Facilities Operations Department

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

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Brasher Falls Central School District

(St Lawrence Central Schools)

needs the following, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year:

- School Counselor or School Social Worker
- Secondary Math Teacher
- Elementary Special Education Teacher

Candidates must be NYS Certified.

Applications are due by April 25, 2025.

Applications are obtainable on our website, bfcisd.org, or contact the Superintendent's Office, (315) 389-5131 Ext. 29108 or email, cdelisle@bfcisd.org.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFIED

CLEANER

SUNY Canton is seeking applicants for the position of Cleaner. Cleaners perform a variety of routine manual tasks requiring light, medium and heavy physical effort in cleaning and caring for an assigned area in public buildings and adjacent grounds and sidewalks.

Cleaners work independently or as part of a work team that performs a wide range of specialized and routine cleaning activities such as stripping and polishing floors, window washing, vacuuming, trash and recycling removal, dusting and cleaning walls, office space, kitchens and common areas, hospitals and clean rooms, laborato-

ries, residential facilities, and restrooms. This position is non-supervisory.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Applicant must be physically able to perform medium to heavy physical labor, and able to understand and carry out written or oral instructions. Prior to final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification and criminal background check.

FACILITY OPERATIONS ASSISTANT 1 (2 POSITIONS/TEMP.)

SUNY Canton is seeking applicants for two positions as Facility Operations Assistant 1. Both positions are TEMPORARY, from May 22, 2025 to August 13, 2025. Applicants must be physically able to perform the tasks of the position and be able to understand and carry out written or oral instructions. When required to operate mo-

tor vehicles, incumbents must possess a valid New York State driver's license appropriate for the type of vehicle being operated.

PRIMARY DUTIES: maintenance of all air handlers, exhaust fans, pumps, drains, sinks and toilets.

HOURLY RATEE: Approx. \$17.40

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

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

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

Please see for all available positions.

https://www.canton.edu/hr/job_opportunities.html

CASE MANAGER: Under the direction of the Outpatient Program Coordinator, the Case Manager will assist the A/CDP Outpatient staff with supporting clients needs by helping to expedite and coordinate access to treatment and recovery services, assist with scheduling, collecting and managing data. This position will also serve as the Peer Advocate by providing support, education and advocacy to clients and linking them to resources in the community. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt Salary: \$15.63 - \$21.71 Deadline: April 23, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR: The Media and Communications Director ("MCD") is responsible for the strategic direction, leadership and supervision of the Center for Media and Communications ("CMC"). The MCD is responsible to review and manage CMC requests and liaise with SRMT colleagues to provide communication and media services to all tribal divisions and programs. The CMC will review and suggest updates to Tribal policies and processes pertaining to the CMC. The CMC oversees website management, and reviews content disseminated from the Tribe to ensure alignment with the Tribe's style guide, branding, and other applicable tribal policies and processes. Status: Full-time, Permanent, Non-exempt Salary: \$72,779.20 - \$122,116.80 Deadline: April 23, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN: Technician: Perform surveying and mapping duties, obtain data used for construction, mapmaking, boundary location, or other purposes. May calculate map-making information and create maps from source data, such as surveying notes, aerial photography, satellite data, or other maps to show topographical features, boundaries, and other features. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt Salary: \$22.14 - \$50.57 Deadline: April 23, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley has an immediate opening for a CLINICAL SUPERVISOR to supervise and support clinical staff in providing high-quality patient care. This position is responsible for ensuring compliance with organizational policies, regulatory requirements, and best clinical practices and providing mentorship, facilitating training, and maintaining a collaborative work environment. The position functions as acting DPS in the absence of the Direc-



ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY Facilities Department - Temp Summer Help

St. Lawrence University invites applications for **Temp Summer Help**. The salary is \$15.50/hr. To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/4085> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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

St. Lawrence University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY Food Service Generalist Dining Services

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a **Food Service Generalist**. The salary is \$15.50 - \$20.90/hr. To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/4014> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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Village of Potsdam

Recreation Director

We are seeking a dynamic and experienced Recreation Director to lead and oversee our recreation programs and facilities, ensuring a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment for community members. The ideal candidate will provide strong leadership, manage staff, and ensure effective operations of recreational activities and facility management.

Job Responsibilities:

- Develop, organize, and implement a wide range of recreation programs and events for the community.
- Oversee the daily operations of recreation facilities, ensuring smooth and efficient service delivery.
- Supervise, train, and mentor recreation staff, volunteers, and program participants.
- Ensure all programs comply with health and safety regulations and standards.
- Foster a welcoming, positive environment that encourages community involvement and engagement.
- Develop and manage budgets, track expenses, and prepare financial reports.
- Collaborate with local organizations and government agencies to enhance recreational offerings.

Minimum Qualifications:

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a bachelor's degree in recreation, physical education, parks management, or a closely related field; AND one (1) year of experience in the conduct of recreation activities or operating a recreation facility, which shall have included one (1) year in a supervisory capacity; OR

B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an associate's degree in recreation, physical education, parks management, or a closely related field; AND three (3) years of experience in the conduct of recreation activities or operating a recreation facility, which shall have included one (1) year in a supervisory capacity; OR

C) Graduation from high school, possession of a high school equivalency diploma, or possession of an Individual Education Plan (IEP) diploma; AND five (5) years of experience in the conduct of recreation activities or operating a recreation facility, which shall have included one (1) year in a supervisory capacity.

Position Information:

- This position is part of the HELP Program and does not require an examination at this time.

Salary & Benefits:

- The salary for this position is commensurate with experience, ranging from \$55,000 to \$65,000.
- Health, dental, and vision benefits.
- Retirement plan options.
- Paid time off and holidays.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter outlining their qualifications and experience to: gscott@vi.potsdam.ny.us

Alternatively, you may mail a copy of your resume and cover letter to: Georgine Scott
2 Park Street
Potsdam, NY 13676

Deadline for applications: April 25, 2025

This position offers a great opportunity for passionate individuals dedicated to community recreation. We encourage candidates from all backgrounds to apply.



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Village of Potsdam Planning & Development Program Assistant (Part-Time)

Help Support the Growth and Success of Potsdam!

The Village of Potsdam is seeking a highly organized, reliable, and detail-oriented individual to join our **Planning & Development team as a Program Assistant**. This part-time position (approximately 20 hours per week) plays a vital role in supporting administrative functions and grant-related work that help move community projects forward.

This is an ideal opportunity for someone who enjoys bringing order to complex projects, tracking details, and supporting meaningful work in local government and economic development.

Key Responsibilities:

Administrative & Department Support

- Provide seamless scheduling, meeting coordination, and note-taking to support efficient day-to-day operations.
- Organize and maintain digital and physical records, ensuring accurate and accessible project documentation.
- Assist with departmental communications and coordination across internal teams and external partners.

Grant Management & Reporting

- Support the preparation and submission of grant applications, ensuring completeness and compliance with deadlines.
- Track reporting requirements and assist in compiling financial and programmatic reports for funders.
- Coordinate requisition requests, expense tracking, and supporting documentation for grant-funded projects.

Project Coordination & Support

- Maintain up-to-date records of project timelines, deliverables, and outcomes to support strategic planning.
- Assist in preparing summaries, reports, and presentations that communicate progress to Village leadership and community stakeholders.
- Support the Planning & Development department in implementing high-impact projects that advance community goals.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Ability to manage multiple priorities and meet deadlines
- Comfort with digital tools such as MS Office, Google apps, spreadsheets, and cloud storage
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Professionalism, discretion, and a collaborative mindset
- Experience with grants, budgeting, or project tracking is a plus

We are eager to fill this position immediately. If you are passionate about organization, creativity, and making a positive impact on the community, we encourage you to apply. We look forward to hearing from you!

Compensation

Hourly pay TBD based on experience.

Application Process

Interested candidates should submit the following materials either by email, mail, or in person:

1. A cover letter that highlights your qualifications and explains your interest in the position.
2. An updated resume outlining your relevant experience.
3. Samples of relevant work (e.g., design projects, social media content, marketing materials, or project summaries).

For any inquiries related to this opportunity, please contact:

David Thurlow, Economic Developer
dthurlow@vi.potsdam.ny.us

Applications should be sent to:

Georgine Scott, Village Clerk
PO Box 5168, Potsdam, NY 13676
gscott@vi.potsdam.ny.us

Application deadline:

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FOUNDATION ACCOUNTANT

Department: Foundation

Canton College Foundation seeks a detail-oriented and organized individual with exceptional accounting, customer service and data management skills to join our dynamic non-profit organization serving SUNY Canton.

Required Qualifications:

- Associates degree in accounting, finance, or business; or plan to obtain a degree within one year.
- General comfort and proficiency in various software systems.
- Experience working in Microsoft Office products, particularly Word and Excel as well as stand-alone accounting software systems.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, or business.
- One to three years of accounting experience.
- Experience with enterprise data management systems.
- Previous experience working in Higher Education.
- Valid driver's license.

Duties:

- Gift processing, donor acknowledgment and accounts receivable.
- Accounts payable.
- Faculty/staff awards, Campus Enhancement awards and departmental purchasing.
- Payroll/HR.
- Other duties as assigned.

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

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

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

The Canton College Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization that supports the students, faculty and staff of SUNY Canton. The incumbent for this position will be an employee of the Canton College Foundation, not SUNY Canton.



HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST

The successful candidate for HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST will be responsible for payroll processing, pre-employment screening, employee onboarding, benefit education and enrollment, leave management, disseminate information on benefits or policies, employee relations and complete various HR reports.

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Parcell & Duquette CPAs, PLLC seeks an Office Administrator & Bookkeeper to oversee office operations, client communications, and bookkeeping starting May 1, 2025. Initial duties include assisting with the implementation of a practice management software. Ongoing tasks involve management of practice management software, recordkeeping, A/P & A/R, and bank reconciliations. Requirements: Associates in Accounting (Bachelor's preferred), 1-3 years of bookkeeping/admin experience (CPA firm preferred), and strong computer skills. Proficiency in QuickBooks, Microsoft Office, and practice management software is a plus. Pay commensurate with experience. Apply with a resume and cover letter to ryan@parcellcpa.com (Subject: Office Administrator & Bookkeeper Application). Interviews to begin on or after April 16th.

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City of Ogdensburg Employment Opportunity Economic Developer

Shape the Future of Ogdensburg – Economic Developer Wanted!

Are you ready to make a lasting impact on a city poised for transformation? The City of Ogdensburg is seeking a dynamic, results-driven Economic Developer to help attract investment, grow businesses, and revitalize our community. This is more than just a job—it's a rare opportunity to be a key player in shaping the city's future.

Why Ogdensburg?

Located at the confluence of the St. Lawrence and Oswegatchie Rivers, Ogdensburg is a city with extraordinary potential. With strong leadership, major redevelopment opportunities, and a community eager for progress, we're ready for a new era of growth. In this role, you'll collaborate closely with elected officials and the city manager, contributing to a strategic effort to bring investment and energy back to our city.

What You'll Do:

- Lead economic development efforts to attract new businesses and support existing ones
- Develop and implement strategic initiatives that fuel investment, job creation, and community growth
- Engage with business owners, developers, and stakeholders to create opportunities and remove barriers
- Leverage incentives, grants, and partnerships to drive revitalization and economic success
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What We Offer:

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Who We're Looking For:

- A passionate, strategic leader who sees potential and knows how to turn vision into action
- Experience in economic development, urban planning, or business recruitment
- Strong knowledge of incentives, grant programs, and investment strategies
- Excellent communication and relationship-building skills to bring people together and drive progress

See the full job description with minimum qualifications as set by Civil Service at www.ogdensburg.org or contact City Clerk Cathy Jock at cjock@ogdensburg.org or by phone at 315-393-3540.

How to Apply:

Download the Civil Service application at www.ogdensburg.org or pick one up at City Hall (City Clerk's Office, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669).

**** Rolling Application Review** – Applications are accepted on a continuous basis and reviewed weekly until the position is filled.

Be Part of Ogdensburg's Next Chapter. Apply Today!

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

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Potsdam STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Native American Program Coordinator Budget Title: Senior Staff Assistant (SL3)

Job Summary/Basic Function: A primary focus of the coordinator will be on programming initiatives designed to increase the recruitment, retention, and academic, social success and graduation rate of Indigenous students. Development and delivery of programming initiatives designed to increase the recruitment, retention, and academic success of Indigenous students on our campus. This includes maintaining close working relationships with Native communities across the State, particularly Akwesasne Mohawks.

Associated Duties:

- Work in collaboration with all student support service departments, academic departments, to support access, retention, and academic success of SUNY Potsdam's Indigenous students.

Required Qualifications: A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and a minimum of 2 years' relevant work experience is required. The successful applicant must be able to work collaboratively with various campus constituents, possess facilitation and programming skills/experience, and must demonstrate a commitment to assist in building and sustaining a respectful, welcoming, inclusive, and supportive campus environment for underrepresented students and especially our Indigenous students.

Preferred Qualifications: Professional experience working with Indigenous students. Master's degree in education, Counseling Psychology, Higher Education Administration, or related field, and at least three years' experience. A minimum of 3 years' relevant experience.

Associated Duties: To Review full list of job duties and to Apply go to: <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/5333>



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

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Salary \$65,001 - \$82,656 - Job Requirements: Possession of a limited permit to practice social work in New York State, or be eligible to enter the examination for licensure as a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) in New York State. Automatic appointment to the Licensed Master Social Work title after passing of licensure exam.

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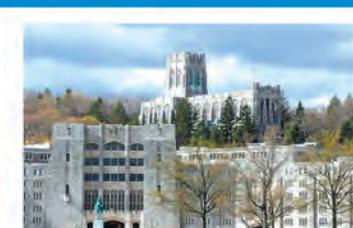
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(B) Graduation from High School and four (4) years of experience in an office setting, law enforcement field or records management position.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and reviewed weekly. To apply, please submit a Civil Service application along with a resume and cover letter to: "Assistant to Chief of Police Search" c/o Cathy Jock, City Clerk, 330 Ford Street, Room #4 Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office or on the City website at www.ogdensburg.org.

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- Minimum of 10 years of experience in a construction environment. Experience in HVAC preferred, but not required
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 1. ANATOMY: What is heterochromia?
 3. GEOGRAPHY: What is a chain of islands called?
 4. FOOD & DRINK: What is Canada's national dish?
 5. HISTORY: When was Facebook launched?
 6. MEASUREMENTS: What is the shortest wavelength in the visible light spectrum?
 7. U.S. STATES: Which state has the most miles of interstate highway?
 8. MOVIES: What type of fish is Nemo in the animated film "Finding Nemo"?
 9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which month is designated as National Ice Cream Month in the United States?
 10. SCIENCE: How long does it take for the International Space Station to orbit the Earth?
- Answers found elsewhere in this paper.



Hammond
Central School District
51 S. Main Street,
Hammond, NY 13646

Hammond CSD is hiring for the 2025-2026 school year for the following positions:

Art Teacher (K-12)

Secondary Science Teacher (7-12)
Chemistry & Earth Science Certifications preferred

Secondary Social Studies Teacher (7-12)**Special Education Teacher or Literacy Specialist (UPK-6)**

All positions are full time, tenure track

Application Deadline is **Friday, May 2, 2025**

An application link and additional information is available on the HCS webpage: **www.hammondk12.org**

NYS Education Department Fingerprint clearance is required for all appointments

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St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center

**Employment Opportunities**

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

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315.541.2179 or slpc.humanresources@omh.ny.gov

**The Norwood-Norfolk Central School District**

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

**(1) SPANISH TEACHER
(1) ELA (ENGLISH) TEACHER****FOR IMMEDIATE HIRE:****(1) 10-MONTH MECHANIC
(2) INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE**

Applications can be downloaded from the school website

www.nncsk12.org

Deadline to apply is **April 11, 2025**

(deadline may be extended until all positions are filled).

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**PARISHVILLE-HOPKINTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

seeks candidates for the following positions:

MATHEMATICS TEACHER

NYS Certification required.

Start Date: August 27, 2025

Salary: \$51,369 - \$77,225 (commensurate with experience).

FOREIGN LANGUAGE (SPANISH) TEACHER

NYS Certification required.

Start Date: December, 2025

Salary: \$51,369 - \$77,225 (commensurate with experience).

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

NYS Certification required.

Salary: \$50,369 - \$77,225 (commensurate with experience).

Please contact: District Office, P.O. Box 187, Parishville, NY 13672 or submit the SLL BOCES Regional Application

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This position is responsible for providing an accurate balance of multiple assigned accounts, resolving any out of balances that may occur and arranging cash and coin transfers for branch offices through our various vendors.

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Experience:

At least one year of office related experience balancing accounts required with at least one year of experience in banking or similarly regulated industry.

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

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**HEUVELTON**
Central School District

is accepting applications for the following:

**Substitute Bus Drivers
Substitute Monitors**

Online applications available at
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Direct inquiries to:

Tessa Herron, District Clerk,
therron@heuvelton.k12.ny.us or 315-344-2414 x28891

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Development Authority OF THE NORTH COUNTRY

Water and Wastewater Technician, Operator, or Sr. Operator

The Development Authority of the North Country is looking to grow our team with people who are ready to collaborate in building communities and expanding infrastructure to serve the common interests of the North Country by providing technical services, which will enhance economic opportunities in the region and promote the health and well-being of its communities.

Depending on the successful candidate's home location, they will be assigned to one of four on-call service areas and must be able to respond to call-outs within 30 minutes. All positions require a High School diploma or GED. Associate Degree in Engineering, Math, Science, or another technical field preferred.

Submit a cover letter, resume and complete an application at www.danc.org/Employment.

WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN

(SALARY RANGE: \$23.00 - \$25.96)

The Water Quality Technician assists certified Operators in the operation and maintenance of water and wastewater systems. The Water Quality Technician may work independently, interact with customers, and have specifically assigned duties and responsibilities. **Professional certification/licenses: New York State Department of Health C or D Water certifications preferred.**

WATER QUALITY OPERATOR

(SALARY RANGE: \$24.50 - \$27.59)

The Water Quality Operator may serve as the Chief Operator/Operator of Record of multiple small water and wastewater systems or support the operation and maintenance of larger municipal systems. The Water Quality Operator works independently, has some contact with customers, and has specifically assigned duties and responsibilities that require licensing and experience. **Professional certification/licenses: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 2 wastewater certification required. New York State Department of Health C, D, and/or IIA Water licenses preferred.**

WATER QUALITY SR. OPERATOR (SALARY RANGE: \$25.65 - \$33.74)

The Water Quality Senior Operator may serve as the Chief Operator/Operator of Record of multiple medium to high complexity/sized municipal water and wastewater treatment and distribution/collection systems or support the operation and maintenance of larger municipal systems. The Water Quality Senior Operator works independently, interacts with customers, and has specifically assigned duties and responsibilities that require advanced licensing and experience. **Professional certification/licenses: New York State Department of Health IIA, C, D, Water certifications and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 2A wastewater certification required; or New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 3A wastewater certification.**

In addition to a base salary, the Authority offers a comprehensive benefits package, including NYS Pension and Deferred Compensation Plan, 12 paid holidays, 3 weeks of vacation, medical, dental, vision, and short-term disability insurance, professional development opportunities, and tuition reimbursement. Water Quality on-call employees are assigned a company truck and also receive a gas card, clothing allowance, monthly cell phone reimbursement, and on-call stipend.

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WE ARE HIRING!

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES is looking to fill the following positions for the 2025-2026 School Year:

School Social Worker - Canton and Potsdam region

Speech Pathologists - (3 positions)
Ogdensburg, Canton and Potsdam region

Special Education Teachers - (multiple positions)
Heuvelton, Potsdam, Ogdensburg and Norwood region

Teaching Assistants - (multiple positions)
Potsdam and Ogdensburg region

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

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PROFESSIONAL

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNER / SL-2

SALARY RANGE: \$44,000 - \$47,000

11-MONTH POSITION

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT / NURSE PRACTITIONER

SALARY RANGE: \$92,000 - \$98,000

11-MONTH POSITION

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Candidates must be graduates of an accredited educational program for physician assistant/nurse practitioner.
- Licensed to practice as a physician assistant/nurse practitioner in New York State.

- At least one year of clinical experience as a physician assistant/nurse practitioner in a medical outpatient setting with some experience in women's health care and have demonstrated experience working with culturally diverse groups of people.

ONLINE LEARNING TECHNICIAN

SALARY RANGE: \$50,000 - \$56,000

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in educational technology or related field from an accredited college or university.
- However, substantial experience in the relevant field paired with an associate's degree may be accepted in lieu of the bachelor's degree.

- Experience working with learning management systems (Brightspace, Blackboard, etc.)
- Familiarity and comfort with diverse instructional technologies
- Clear, concise, and friendly communication skills
- Organizational and time management skills
- Commitment to service excellence

FACULTY

HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT - LECTURER (OTHER RANKS CONSIDERED)

SALARY RANGE: \$55,000-\$60,000

11-MONTH POSITION

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's degree in Healthcare Administration, MBA, or

- related field with healthcare management experience.
- Healthcare management experience.

EARLY CHILDHOOD LECTURER

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

11-MONTH POSITION

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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

ACCOUNTING - LECTURER

SALARY RANGE: \$65,000-\$70,000

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's degree in accounting or an MBA with accounting and finance focus from an accredited institution.
- Previous teaching experience in college-level cours-

- es (face-to-face, online, and flex (hybrid) modalities preferred).

- Ability to develop and deliver business courses across online, face-to-face, and flex (hybrid) modalities.
- Strong commitment to academic mentoring and student development.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR / FACULTY

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

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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

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

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