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## Reptile show at Nicandri

Sonja Mitchell holds a ball python as part of a presentation from Her-petology Reptile Show at Nicandri Nature Center during school vacation week. Her-petology brought a sulcata tortoise, skink, iguana, and several snakes for the kids to meet.

### BRIEFLY

**Burglary, strangulation**  
OGDENSBURG— Kirk A. Savage, 42, of Brier Hill, was arrested Feb. 19 on an Ogdensburg City Court arrest warrant for second-degree burglary, one count second-degree burglary, and one count second-degree strangulation, Ogdensburg Police say. Savage was remanded to St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility.

**Transfer station closed**  
OGDENSBURG – The St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Transfer Station in Ogdensburg will be closed on Saturday, Feb. 28, and Wednesday, March 4, for facility maintenance. Normal operations will return on Friday, March 6. The Massena Transfer Station will be open on Wednesday, March 4, to accommodate for the closed station.

# Louisville resident demands Supervisor resign, questions financial practices

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

LOUISVILLE — Residents continue to call for the resignation of Town Supervisor Larry Legault, citing concerns over transparency and leadership.

Late last year, residents attended town board meetings in large numbers to raise issues about the disclosure of finances, toxic work environments in several offices, and the management of the Golf Course at Louisville Landing.

Despite efforts to address these concerns, residents continue to attend meetings to voice their frustrations.

One resident submitted a letter to the board demanding accountability, transparency, and Legault’s resignation.

The letter, which North Country This Week obtained a copy of, questions Legault’s authority to issue loans to the golf course, specifically two separate \$25,000 loans and one \$35,000 loan.

It states that Legault claimed, “he sent an email to board members regarding each loan.”

“Mr. Legault admitted at the January 2026 board meeting that, as chief financial officer, he has the power to make those decisions,” the resident wrote.

The resident further noted that at the same meeting, when questioned about the “alleged unethical loan to the golf course,” Legault attempted to dismiss the issue, arguing that the loan had been repaid.

“However, when board members were asked if they had received said email regarding the loan, all responded NO,” the resident continued.

was repaid in full to the town “in less than a month” and attributed the loan to the “ebbs and flows of cash flow” needed to operate the course.

The letter also cited a recent audit that questioned the town’s internal financial controls.

The Bowers & Co. audit examined the town’s accounting records through the end of 2024. The Watertown-based accounting firm made several recommendations to help the town prevent future errors but did not find major discrepancies in its financial reporting.

One recommendation involved segregation of duties. The report acknowledged, “due to the small size of the Town there are limitations,” and noted that segregation of duties “is not always possible.” It explained that a limited number of individuals handle cash receipts, disbursements, and reporting, and recommended separation of duties to reduce the risk of error or fraud.

“We believe that internal controls could be improved if an individual independent of the accounting functions were involved,” the audit stated.

The audit also highlighted some of the concerns raised by residents, including a lack of documentation for budget modifications and fund transfers. It detailed failures to properly manage transfers or budget adjustments for ARPA funds associated with the golf course, as well as for water plant upgrades. Town officials admitted they did not formally vote to approve certain transfers, which French confirmed were repaid.

Bowers & Co. also identified weaknesses in expenditure documentation, noting, “in nine instances, packing slips and/or acknowledgments that supplies and services were received were not provided with voucher docu-

mentation.”

The resident questioned who oversees taxpayer dollars, who can authorize transfers, and why two-party authorization is not used.

“It appears that the use of the town’s money has very little oversight, and this in itself makes it a target for misuse,” they wrote.

The resident also called for transparency:

“This town, my town, deserves a supervisor who is both truthful and transparent. Mr. Legault has lied about his actions and deflects questions to others that, as a supervisor, he should be able to answer. I can no longer accept Mr. Legault’s ‘no comment’ responses.”

The letter concluded by urging the board to “vote for the town supervisor to resign effective immediately.”

“I wish to thank all those who support this, and I hope that, as elected officials, you address the behavior of Mr. Legault,” the resident wrote.

In recent meetings, Legault faced criticism for attempting to curtail public comment and threatening to close sessions before allowing all speakers to address the board. On multiple occasions, residents asked questions that Legault initially attempted to answer before ultimately declining.

Public comment periods are not required under state law, and board members are not obligated to respond, per Open Meeting Law. Article 7 guarantees the right to attend and observe public meetings but does not strictly require public comment. However, prohibiting comment is uncommon.

Legault remains in his role as town supervisor, and no resident has formally announced an opposition campaign for the upcoming November election.

## Charged in excavator theft

STOCKHOLM— A Winthrop man was arrested Friday for allegedly stealing an excavator and bringing it to Canada.

Darin R. Collins, 46, of Winthrop, was charged Feb. 20 with one count third-degree grand larceny, according to State Police.

On Oct. 9, Troopers responded to County Route 48 in the town of Stockholm for a report of a stolen excavator.

An investigation determined that a Komatsu excavator had been stolen from a worksite located on County Route 48. The excavator was equipped with a GPS tracking

system, which later lost connection that evening.

The machinery was later located on the Canadian portion of the Akwesasne Mohawk Reservation. Troopers coordinated with Tribal Police as part of the investigation.

Further investigation determined that Collins was allegedly responsible for stealing the excavator and leaving it in Snyc, Quebec.

Collins was later located, arrested, and transported to State Police Massena for processing. Collins was arraigned in Louisville Town Court and remanded to the St. Lawrence County Jail without bail.

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# Village of Massena passes financial audit with flying colors

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
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MASSENA -- The village of Massena has passed its most recent audit with flying colors but auditors warn the village may have a tougher financial road ahead with expenses rising.

Village officials learned the municipality received the highest possible rating during the board of trustees Feb. 10 meeting.

Certified Public Accountant Thomas Smith of EFPR Group CPAs provided a review of the audit, during which time he said the village's fund balance "was being managed quite well."

Smith said he analyzed the fund balance as of May 31, 2025 as part of the audit, noting the village's total expenses in 2025 compared to the total fund balance at the end of the year showed the fund balance was at 58%.

Smith noted that figure was high but deemed it to not be "too high" considering expenses.

"It's not too high, but it shows that funds are being managed, that you have enough money to be able to support operations in your general fund. It shows a healthy fund balance and that nothing's getting out of control, that you're going to be able to still pay all the bills," Smith said.

Smith warned, however, that the village would see a hit to the fund balance in the future.

While it may be hard to anticipate the fund balance, Smith noted rising expenses and possible declines in sales tax revenues may impact the village.

"It's hard to anticipate those fund balances continuing to increase as much as they have over the past couple of years. Some things do have to slow down. That 1.1% increase in expenses overall, that's going to be very tough to match keeping that number as flat as it is. Payroll alone, you're expecting an increase of 3, 4%," he said.

Mayor Greg Paquin and Smith both clarified that payroll expenses were expected to increase following multiple new contracts with labor unions.

Mayor Greg Paquin said he had discussions with Treasurer Kevin Felt recently, admitting that "the good times are probably coming to an end" as it relates to federal ARPA funding and increased sales tax revenues.

Smith said the village does have some ARPA funding available, which was first made available

during the COVID pandemic, however those funds "are largely expended."

"Those funds allowed you to focus on a number of projects and to purchase necessary equipment but they are largely spent now," he said.

Smith said interest rates trending downward also mean the "free money you're getting from banks is going to definitely start to decrease over the next couple of years."

Smith also noted that the village did see increases in the fund balance from the prior year, a healthy trend that will allow the village to weather any major financial burdens.

"We have some increases in fund balance from the prior year... it's approximately an 11% increase from '24 to '25, meaning that we are going in the right direction. There's really no funds that give me any concern," he said.

One aspect of the audit Smith highlighted was a capital projects fund, which showed a deficit at the end of 2025. Smith said that was more of a timing issue than anything, saying some funds were coming in "a little bit slower than your normal operation."

"Even though that fund has a deficit, I'm not really too worried about that. I think the key thing to note is that your main operating funds...general, water, refuse...those are all in excellent shape, I really don't have any concerns there," Smith said.

In particular, Smith said the sewer fund was one where he sees a number of villages get in trouble when rate increases are not implemented as needed.

Paquin has said those rates will increase again this year as part of a five-year plan the village implemented last year to offset rising maintenance costs.

Overall rises in expenses were kept much lower than expected, Smith said.

While many municipalities were forced to raise taxes due to rising costs and inflation, Smith commented that the village of Massena saw an increase of just 1.1% year-to-year.

"That's pretty remarkable, that small of an increase because inflation was 2.4% from '24 to '25 and you do have a lot of contractual obligations, payroll and certain debt payments that you really have no discretion over. So overall I think that the village's finances are in a great position. They're being managed very well," he said.



Photo submitted

The Friends of the Massena Public Library recently donated \$16,000 to the "Warm Hearts, Warm Library" capital project. Representing the Friends of Massena Library are Jane Mogle-Besaw, Donna Bourdon, Ann Greene, Jean Centrella, Elaine Dunn, Debbie Fuehring, and Katina Thompson. Accepting for the Massena Public Library are Director Krista Briggs and Board members Patty Ryan and Linda McDonald.

## Library Friends donate \$16,000 to project

MASSENA—The Friends of the Massena Public Library recently donated \$16,000 to the "Warm Hearts, Warm Library" capital project.

Proceeds from this campaign will be used to purchase a replacement boiler and HVAC system.

Those interested in further information or in making a donation call the library at 315-769-9914.

The Friends of the Massena Public Library is a non-profit organization that supports the library through various fund raisers held throughout the year.

Their next major fundraiser is a Spaghetti Dinner at the Italian American Club on Beach Street, held Saturday, April 18th from 12-6 p.m. Meals are carry out only, \$10 each.

## Legislators approve contract for Legionella prevention testing in county buildings

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Legislators have signed off on a contract for a heating and cooling water system treatment as part of a yearly maintenance plan that prevents legionella.

Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Cory Perrault said the testing is conducted each year and is done mostly at the county courthouse.

He said testing involves cooling systems, boilers and steam systems, which is where legionella can form.

Legionella is a bacteria that causes a pneumonia-type illness called Legionnaires' Disease, as well as mild flu-like symptoms called Pontiac fever.

Legislators approved a contract with M.I.S. of America for services associated with the treatment and testing and Legionella prevention program in County office buildings during the Feb. 23 Finance Com-

mittee meeting.

The contract will run through Dec. 31, 2028, costing \$49,525 over the course of three years.

While the agreement passed unanimously, Legislator Larry Denesha questioned whether M.I.S. was a local firm or not.

Perrault said he was unaware but thought they were not in fact local, prompting Denesha to question if someone local may be able to conduct the testing and prevention treatment.

Perrault said he would look further for someone to provide service locally but noted "there aren't many companies around that do this kind of thing."

In other action, legislators Las approved a contract with Casella Waste Services for refuse services at Harrowgate Commons in Massena.

The contract will run for 24 months at a rate of \$128 per month and will cover district offices for Probation, Department of Motor

Vehicles, Department of Social Services and the back-up center for 911.

Legislators also approved a budget modification for the County Administrator's Office to accept contributions from CSEA Local 846, the Deputy Sheriff's Association and the Sheriff's Supervisor's Association for the Employee Assistance Program.

CSEA has agreed to contribute \$1,000, while the Deputy Sheriff's and Sheriff's Supervisor Association each contributed \$250.

Officials say the funds are part of an ongoing effort to strengthen the program and increase available offerings to support all employees.

"The County is hopeful that the other three Unions will consider a contribution and that those who are contributing will consider making this an annual appropriation that supports resources, helps maintain the Annual Health Fair, and continues to improve the opportunity to share appreciation with all employees," officials said.

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# As budget season draws near, village sales tax revenue projections difficult to nail down

**BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI**  
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- Sales tax projections for the coming budget season may be difficult to nail down as sales tax revenues continue to ebb and flow, according to village of Massena Treasurer Kevin Felt.

Felt informed trustees during the board's Feb. 10 meeting that projecting those figures for the next budget will be difficult after a decline in tax revenue last quarter.

According to Felt, revenues received from the quarterly sales tax received on the first of February stood at \$569,524, down from \$615,866 from the same period last year.

"This brings our total for the year to \$1,191,669, or 49% of our budgeted amount of \$2,450,000," Felt

said.

Though that figure is up from the first quarter of the fiscal year when the village received \$522,145 in sales tax revenue, Felt said the numbers are slightly concerning as budget negotiations are slated to kick off in a few weeks.

"They used to be steadily increasing until COVID. Since then, it's become very unpredictable to where I was looking at it today for the budget for next year. I'm looking at decreasing it \$50,000 because the first check that we received this fiscal year compared to the same period last year was up I think 4%. This one's down. It's so unpredictable at this point where I don't know if we're going to hit the budget this year. I think we'll be close," he said.

Felt said that uncertainty and inconsistency is the main reason he intends to be more conservative with his projections.

"We certainly hope they will come in higher and will just hope for the best but right now it's a bit unpredictable," he said.

It's a concern shared by CPA Thomas Smith of EFPR Group, CPAs, who presented the village's annual audit report earlier in the meeting.

Smith said sales tax figures were down this year, despite those revenues being the highest ever in New York State over the "past three or four years."

"I saw that the sales tax number is down this year. You might have noticed over the past three or four years, that number has been the highest it ever has been when New York state started taxing online sales. So, it's starting to catch up where that's not going in the same direction anymore," he said.

Trustees said it was something they were going to weigh as budgets are worked out for departments.

Rising costs for materials and outside services, coupled with new collective bargaining agreements with unions will also need to be factored in as department heads refine their budgets.

Mayor Greg Paquin previously touched on the new contracts, saying costs were rising slightly due to new contracts.

"That's just part of it, it's all negotiated and factored in to the budget," he said.

Trustees will also have to weigh using a portion of the fund balance to remain below the 2% tax cap, something Smith touched on as well.

Though the village has "a healthy, robust fund balance," trustees previously noted declining outside revenues, rising costs and large purchases may lead to a portion of the fund balance being used to stay below the cap.



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## Reeling them in at Black Lake derby

Gouverneur residents, from left, Konrad Bice, his dad Kristopher Bice, and Dylan Smith were among the hardy anglers who participated in the Black Lake Fish & Game Association's Annual Ice Fishing Derby Jan. 31, despite the cold.

## Indicted on narcotics charges

OGDENSBURG— A grand jury has indicted an Ogdensburg man on felony drug charges, according to court documents.

Ronald Redmond III, 33, of Ogdensburg, was indicted by a St. Lawrence County Grand Jury Feb. 19 on one count second-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, one count third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, one count seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and resisting arrest, according to court documents released Thursday by the office of District Attorney Gary M.

Pasqua.

Redmond is accused of possessing stimulants weighing 10 grams or more on or around Oct. 4 in the city of Ogdensburg, court documents state.

According to court documents, Redmond is also accused of possessing methamphetamine and or its preparations, and is accused of possessing cocaine.

Redmond was also indicted on one count resisting arrest for allegedly intentionally preventing or attempting to prevent a police officer from effecting an authorized arrest on himself.

## Woman jailed after domestic

OGDENSBURG— An Ogdensburg resident was jailed on two felony charges following investigation of an alleged domestic incident, city police say.

Chelsea E. White, 33, of Ogdensburg, was charged Feb. 23 with one count first-degree criminal

contempt and one count aggravated family offense, Ogdensburg Police say.

City police report that White was ticketed following investigation of an alleged domestic incident on Grant Street. White was arraigned in Ogdensburg City Court before Justice Lemay and was remanded to St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$2,500 cash bail or \$5,000 bond.

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# Newcomer Michno running for County District 15 seat

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
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LOUISVILLE — St. Lawrence County’s District 15 has been represented by Rita Curran for nearly eight years, but newcomer John Michno is hoping to make his mark and win a seat on the county legislature.

Michno said he is not new to the North Country, having lived in St. Lawrence County since 2000. “I’ve come to consider the North Country home,” he said.

In announcing his candidacy, Michno highlighted his long career as a counselor for St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, a position he has held for 26 years.

“My work as a counselor has been multidimensional, ranging from adventure-based wilderness therapy to the more traditional school counselor role many are familiar with,” he said.

Michno also has experience in the classroom and on the field, having worked as adjunct faculty at Genesee Community College, teaching psychology courses and coaching high school football and lacrosse.

When asked why he is running against a two-term incumbent, Michno said his primary goal is to ensure the concerns and needs of the district’s constituents are fully represented.

“A recent survey of St. Lawrence County residents, conducted by SUNY Jefferson (JCC), revealed a decline in quality of life over the past ten years. Major concerns included the cost of energy, taxation, employment opportunities, the economy, care for the elderly, and

## BRIEFLY

**Bowling tournament**  
OGDENSBURG — Amvets Ladies Auxiliary 1997 will sponsor the “We Can Do It” No Tap Bowling tournament March 22, at noon at 11th Frame Bowl, 1121 Patterson St. Teams of four, \$100. Prizes are \$200 for first place, \$100 for second. 50/50 raffles, lottery boards, and a silent auction will benefit Amvets programs. Sign up with Robin Chambers, 315-528-6054, or Lori Kelley, 315-276-6103.

**Chamber breakfast**  
OGDENSBURG — St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual membership breakfast March 11, from 8:30-11 a.m. at The Inn at Gran View, 6765 State Highway 37. Attendees will hear the “State of the Chamber” address and recognize the 2026 award recipients. \$35 per person, includes a Gran View breakfast of French toast, scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, fruit salad, English muffins, coffee, tea, milk and juice. The agenda includes the reappointment of directors, election of officers, reports from chamber leadership, and presentation of the Chamber awards. Register at <https://visitstlc.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/20710>

**Assault following domestic**  
MASSENA — A Massena resident was charged Feb. 21 with a felony stemming from an alleged domestic dispute, according to state police. Jade E. Lagoy, 26, was charged with second-degree assault, felony and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon with intent to use at 8:54 a.m., police said. The alleged incident was reported Jan. 22. Lagoy was released on her own recognizance, police said.

availability of housing,” he said.

If elected, Michno said he would work with all constituents and the legislature to “find real solutions.”

He also emphasized his connection to the county’s natural resources. “As an avid waterfowl hunter and fisherman, I understand the astonishing resources St. Lawrence County has with the St. Lawrence River,” he said. “This natural wonder not only supports the local economy, it provides diverse habitats for plants and animals and requires stewardship to maintain long-term economic stability and conservation.”

Michno said protecting the county’s natural resources is imperative. Petition circulation began Feb. 24, and Michno said he is ready to meet constituents across the district. “We all can work together to improve the quality of life for St. Lawrence County residents. I will be reaching out to community members to begin conversations, exchange ideas, and ask that you consider me to represent District 15 in the upcoming election,” he said.

# Incumbent Curran seeks to hold onto county District 15 seat; cites experience

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

LOUISVILLE — Incumbent Republican Legislator Rita Curran is running for reelection in District 15, seeking a third term on the St. Lawrence County Legislature.

Curran said she is running because St. Lawrence County needs someone with decades of experience caring for rural families and an understanding of the county’s health and mental health systems.

“I am proud of my record of voting to reduce the tax rate over the past seven years, paving an extra 100 miles of road, and making long-overdue improvements to our historic courthouse, public safety complex, highway facilities, and other offices,” she said. “These investments help make operations more efficient, reduce energy use, and give our workforce the tools they need to serve the people of our county.”

A nurse practitioner, Curran emphasizes her health-care experience as a key element of her campaign.

She works as a psychiatric nurse and nurse practitioner for Citizen Advocates, Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center, and the Community-Based Outpatient Clinic for the Veterans Affairs.

Curran earned her AAS in Nursing at SUNY Canton, a B.S. in Nursing at Keuka College, a Master’s in Family Nurse Practitioner at Upstate Medical University, and post-master’s certification as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner at SUNY Polytechnic.

“It’s that practical, hands-on experience that sets me apart,” she said

“A lot of people have opinions about health care, addiction treatment, and mental health, but I bring actual experience from rolling up my sleeves and working in emergency rooms, family care, veterans’ health, and psychiatric programs. I have earned certification as a psychiatric nurse practitioner, an emergency room nurse practitioner, and a family nurse practitioner.”

Curran said it is critical for the legislature to have someone who works in the field to understand community needs, particularly as millions of dollars are invested in health care, addiction treatment, mental health, and emergency services.

She also highlighted her record of helping the legislature maintain and expand county services while lowering taxes. “Whether we’re paving extra county highways or expanding emergency response capabilities, I hope to continue assisting in these initiatives,” she said.

Currently chairing the Operations Committee, Curran has worked to save taxpayers money, including implementing electronic billing.

She has also served on the Emergency Management System Advisory Board, the St. Lawrence County Board of Public Health, the NYSAC Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, the Public Health and Mental Health Committee, and as co-vice chair of the St. Lawrence County 250th Anniversary Commission.

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First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Sorority was impactful,  
Clarkson grad says**

Clarkson University recently revoked recognition of the Beta Beta chapter of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc., citing low membership as the primary reason. Over ten semesters, the chapter initiated 13 members. That statistic is being used to justify eliminating the University's only multicultural, service-based sorority. What that number does not reflect is impact.

Kappa Delta Chi is a Latina-founded national sorority dedicated to academic excellence, professional development, graduation, and service, particularly to Hispanic and Latino communities. At Clarkson, the Beta Beta chapter maintained the highest GPA among Greek organizations, completed the most service hours, and earned the President's Award for Excellence. Through initiatives like Roses of Relief, members provided personal hygiene products and essential household supplies to St. Lawrence County families living below the poverty line. They supported Relay for Life and organizations such as Renewal House. They served this community consistently and quietly.

This was not an organization facing misconduct, hazing violations, or disciplinary sanctions. It was an organization excelling in scholarship and service. Yet it was the one removed. At a STEM-focused institution where women, especially women of minority groups, are underrepresented, this sorority provided mentorship, leadership development, cultural affirmation, and sisterhood. For many of us, it was the difference between surviving college and thriving in it. I now serve as a primary care provider in a rural, medically underserved area of St. Lawrence County. The leadership, advocacy, cultural competency, and resilience I rely on daily were sharpened through my time in this organization. Its impact extends far beyond membership numbers. When a university eliminates its only Latina-founded, service-driven Greek organization despite its record of academic excellence and community impact, it sends a troubling message about what, and who, is considered worth sustaining. Small membership does not mean small value. If institutions truly claim to prioritize diversity, leadership, and service, then decisions like this deserve scrutiny. Clarkson University should reflect carefully on what this choice represents.

**Camryn Peets  
Massena**

**Protestors don't represent  
majority, Massena man says**

Day after day. Week after week. Month after month. And now, year after year. Your pages are filled with hatred and vitriol aimed at President Trump and the good men and women who work for ICE and are merely performing the duties they took an oath and swore to do. They are upholding and enforcing the United States Immigration

**McCAULEY!**



By Ethan Lyons

**‘Your pages are filled with hatred and vitriol aimed at President Trump and the good men and women who work for ICE’**

**Joseph D. Gray  
Massena**

laws. My grandparents were immigrants to this great country over a century ago. They arrived here legally, became citizens, learned the language, followed the laws, worked and raised a family. They didn't ask for or expect government handouts, they didn't need to run if police came to their door and they certainly didn't commit violent crimes, cause anyone physical harm or kill. I respect and embrace legal immigration.

We can use new people, ideas and cultures. Our population is declining because we have cloaked population control, often times under the name abortion, as we further the eugenics which raised its ugly head in the early part of the 20th Century. It is imperative that we welcome new people who want to join our very diverse culture without setting up ghettos where only foreign languages are spoken and religious abominations like Sharia law fester and harm our nation and long-established culture. They would replace our culture with one where women are treated as second-class citizens, forced to dress and behave a certain way.

As for the ministers and other religious who invoke Jesus Christ as justification for their protests and demagoguery, I would direct you to Matthew's Gospel where Jesus was asked whether one should pay taxes to Rome. He said, "Pay unto Caesar what is Caesar's." There is no doubt that U.S. law can be drawn as a parallel. If you are in our country illegally, expect to be held accountable for violating our laws. Those same couple hundred people who occupy the county legislature meeting, lecture and "protest" ad nauseum while waving signs on street corners in sub-freezing temperatures, do not speak for me or the rest of the silent majority of the 110,000 people who call St.

Lawrence County home. Many of them, the ones who aren't transitory college students leaving in a year or two, have grey hair and appear to be in their 60s (like me) and 70s. Are they upset they missed the anti-government, counter-culture "revolution" of the 1960s and want to start another as long as Republicans hold control? If you think about it, these demonstrators who "brave" the freezing temperatures with pre-made, mass-produced signs and banners, could also be considered people who may not be smart enough to come in out of the cold.

**Joseph D. Gray  
Massena**

**Assessor gives SLC tax  
exemption deadlines**

Many people may have missed that St. Lawrence County recently raised the limits for both the low-income seniors and people with disability property tax exemptions. You can receive the low-income senior exemption if you are 65 years of age or older and make under \$30,700. (Please note this is different than STAR.) The disability income limit is now \$33,400 for the county.

There may be folks that didn't qualify before but now they may qualify with the new limits. The deadline to apply is March 1st for most towns in St. Lawrence County and April 1 for the City of Ogdensburg. Applications can be found online on tax.ny.gov. The form for low-income seniors is RP-467 and the form number for disability limited income is RP-459-c. Contact your local assessor's office for more details, applications or for any additional information.

**James P. Snyder, IAO, SCAA, SCAP  
Potsdam**

**Massena resident talks  
voter ID laws**

If you haven't figured out that the Republican Party has been lying about the existence of massive voter fraud, it's time you did. False fear-mongering about Democrats allowing illegals to vote has conveniently drawn attention away from the GOP's little schemes to corrupt our voting system. First, the GOP denounced "all-mail-in-voting" with Trump claiming Democrat states don't require valid IDs to vote. But every state does. States also have the legal right to determine their own guidelines and procedures. Oregon, for example, established "all-mail-in-voting" in 1998. Wash-

ington, Utah, Colorado, Hawaii, California, Nevada, Vermont and DC followed suit. The convenience of mail-in ballots resulted in greater voter participation. Considering that "all-mail-in-voting" states are primarily Democrat, no wonder the GOP wants to do away with that method completely. Now, the GOP has a sneaky plan to eliminate states' legal rights to control elections. Last week, the House Republican majority passed the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act. This bill hands control of elections over to the federal government. Under the new regulations, a driver's license ID might not be enough. Voters could be required to show a current passport or an original birth certificate. Lucky you - if you have a passport to prove that you're an American citizen. Because 49%-55% of Americans don't have an up-to-date passport or any passport at all. Lucky you - if you have your original birth certificate (not a copy) with a raised seal and your present name. Because 70+ million married women may not have a re-issued birth certificate with their new last name. (Would that sly maneuver be in any way related to Pew Research

statistics that more women vote Democrat than men?) It's devious enough that the SAVE Act can result in legal citizens being mistakenly taken off the rolls. But it also forces states to hand over their voters' information to the government. This in conjunction with the 9/25/25 National Security Presidential Memorandum 7 (NSPM-7) which allows the Department of Homeland Security to target individuals they interpret as being "anti-American", "anti-capitalist" or "anti-Christian" (as in, anyone criticizing Trump). Who doesn't see this partisan interference as questionable over-reach and a threat to civil rights? We can only hope that Republican Senators will join Democrats in voting down this bill. If it goes through, surprised Americans may suddenly discover they're no longer eligible to vote and their privacy rights have been compromised.

**Martha Hodges  
Massena**

**Ogdensburg man questions  
gas prices**

Tell me why gas prices are going down everywhere except in St. Lawrence County? If anything they have gone up. I'm still not buying the sorry excuse that the VP of Stewart's gave us last year when pressed for a reason for this situation. A prime example on how this doesn't add up is if all of these factors stated by the VP has a drastic effect on the price of gas that's out of his control then why is gas in Ogdensburg \$3.19 a gallon at his Ford Street location and \$3.35 a gallon at their Canton and Potsdam stores?

**Tom Questel  
Ogdensburg**

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Last week's question  
**On average, how many total hours per day do you spend on your smartphone?**

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# SLC organic farming may get boost from federal government

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LOUISVILLE  
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NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

(Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law)

Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear on the Tentative Assessment Roll of the Town of Louisville which will be filed on or before May 1st, 2026.

The information may be reviewed, by appointment, in the Assessor's Office at Louisville Town Office, 14810 State Hwy 37, Massena, NY on March 11th, 2026, between the hours of 9:00:00 AM and 11:00:00 AM and on March 18th between the hours of 9:00:00 AM and 11:00:00 AM by appointment only. An appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning the assessor at (315)681-7395.

Dated: March 1, 2026

Robert B. Ball, IAO  
Sole Assessor  
Town of Louisville

MADRID  
NOTICE OF MEETING

The Madrid Town Board will be having a public hearing at 6:00 P.M. before the regular board meeting on March 11 at the Madrid Town Office at 3529 County Route 14, Madrid, Ny 13660 to discuss a fee schedule for Battery Storage facilities.

Zoe Hawkins, Town Clerk

ST. LAWRENCE  
COUNTY  
ADVERTISEMENT  
FOR BID

City of Ogdensburg Pool, Bathhouse & Splashpad Project Separate sealed Bids will be received until 3/12/2026, 3pm. for Contract #1: General Contractor, Contract #2: Pool Contractor, Contract #3: Electrical Contractor, Contract #4: Mechanical Contractor, Contract #5: Plumbing Contractor. Bidders may place bids on one or all contracts. Complete scope of work, Bid forms and pertinent information can be found on the City's website https://www.ogdensburgny.gov/bids.aspx?bidID=136

WADDINGTON  
LOCAL LAW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board for the Town of Waddington will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 9, 2026 @ 7PM at the Town Office located at 46A Maple St, Waddington, New York. The purpose of this local hearing is to have public input on Local Law #1 for the year 2026, concerning sidewalk ownership, construction, and maintenance within the Town of Waddington, outside the Village. A full copy of the text of the local law is available at the Town Clerk's Office 46A Maple Street, Waddington, New York, for inspection during normal business hours. Dated: February 11, 2026 Charles B Nash, Esq Attorney for the Town of Waddington.

OGDENSBURG  
REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSAL

The Ogdensburg Housing Authority is seeking submission of sealed proposals from reputable and qualified accounting firms to perform auditing services for the for a three-year contract period beginning with Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2026, with an option to extend the contract for a fourth year and fifth year if mutually agreeable. This audit will be conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, the Single Audit Act, Government Auditing Standards and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. The full proposal packet may be obtained by contacting Carol Basford, Executive Director at 315-393-3710 x7 or cbasford@ogdensburgha.com. Please submit one (1) original hard copy proposal in person or by mail to Ogdensburg Housing Authority, 1101 Jay Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Proposals will be received until 3:00 P.M. ET on March 18, 2026. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

LOUISVILLE  
LOCAL LAW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Town of Louisville will hold a public hearing prior to the Regular Meeting scheduled for March 11, 2026, at 6:00 pm to discuss the proposed Local Law providing for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (the Uniform Code) and the Property Maintenance Code of New York State (PMCNY) in regard to unsafe buildings in this Town, with the regular meeting to follow at the Thomas J. Carroll Louisville Municipal Building located at 14810 State Highway 37.

02/17/2026  
Amy Ellsworth  
Louisville Town Clerk

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

Notice of formation of Echo North LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/06/2026. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Secretary of State: 27 Grove Street, Massena New York 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of formation of St. Lawrence Valley Management Solutions LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/25/2026. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Scott Sanderson: 4 Jay St Canton NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

OGDENSBURG  
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The **Ogdensburg City School District** invites the submission of Sealed Bid Proposals to furnish materials and labor to complete the Ogdensburg City School District Capital Improvements Project – Phase 2 Project No. 2022-014B

all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

This work is to be bid under a MULTIPLE CONTRACT system covering the work of all trades under separate contracts as follows:  
Contract No. 1 – General Construction  
Contract No. 2 – Mechanical  
Contract No. 3 – Plumbing  
Contract No. 4 – Electrical  
Contract No. 5 - Roofing

Sealed Bid Proposals will be received until **3:00 p.m.** prevailing time, on **Wednesday, March 11, 2026** , at the

Ogdensburg City School District  
District Office at Ogdensburg Free Academy  
1100 State Street  
Ogdensburg, New York 13669

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

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

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

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

No Contractor will be allowed to visit the site without an appointment made through the Owner. Should a Contractor wish to access the site, they may contact Jessica Miller, P.E., Construction Manager – C&S Companies by telephone at (802) 309-9123 or email at [jmiller@cscos.com](mailto:jmiller@cscos.com) .

A prebid conference and onsite review of the project areas will be conducted by the Architect and Construction Manager on **Thursday, February 19, 2026, commencing at 10:00 a.m. in the OFA High School Cafeteria** . The prebid conference will be for all contracts.

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

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

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

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

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

ATTENTION OUT-OF-STATE BIDDERS

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

No bid will be considered when opened unless accompanied by a certified copy of your Authority to do Business in New York State. This is not to be confused with a sales tax certificate. The Authority can be obtained by contacting: New York State Department of State Division of Corporations 162 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12231 (518) 473-2492

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

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

By Order Of:

Date: February 10, 2026. Mr. Kevin Kendall

BRASHER  
NOTICE OF MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular Meeting of the Brasher Town Board will be held on Wednesday, March 11th, 2026, at 4:00 PM it will be held at the Municipal Building in Brasher Falls, NY. All meetings are open to the public; everyone is welcome to attend. Bethany St. Hilaire Town Clerk Dated: February 23, 2026

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

NORTH COUNTRY AUTO PARTS LLC. Filed with SSNY on 01/21/2026. Office: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 6 RIVERSIDE DR, CANTON, NY 13617. Purpose: Any Lawful

MADRID  
NOTICE OF MEETING

The Madrid Town Board will be having a public hearing at 6:15 P.M. before the regular board meeting on March 11 at the Madrid Town Office at 3529 County Route 14 Madrid, NY 13660 to discuss adding 3 parcels into the water district.

Zoe Hawkins, Town Clerk

COLTON  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuant to the Town Board of the Town of Colton, and in compliance with Section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, all roads in the Town of Colton will be temporarily closed to vehicles having a gross weight in excess of six (6) tons. Closings will be in effect until the removal of such signs. Dated: February 19, 2026 Kevin Hawley Town of Colton Highway Superintendent

OGDENSBURG  
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing was held on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, and the following was passed by the City Council, meeting in regular session on February 23, 2025:

ORDINANCE #1 OF 2026  
ORDINANCE AMENDING AR-31 ENTITLED "USE OF CITY-OWNED VEHICLES" OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg, New York, as follows:

ITEM ONE: That AR-31 entitled "Use of City-owned vehicles" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:  
AR-31. Use of City-owned vehicles.

A. Purpose.  
The purpose of this regulation is to save money by prohibiting the use of City owned vehicles for personal use and to improve the City's public image and to increase the visibility of City-provided services.

B. City logo  
All City-owned vehicles, except police cars and fire apparatus, will be clearly identified by the City logo, which shall be applied to both sides of the vehicle. Vehicles that may be used in police undercover work are exempted from this regulation.

C. Use of City-owned vehicles.  
[Amended 10-22-2012 by Ord. No. 8-2012] (1) All City-owned vehicles shall remain at a City work site or garage facility at the close of the business day. (2) Except as otherwise provided by Council-approved contractual terms, City-owned vehicles shall only be used for City work-related transportation, except as listed below:  
(a) Personnel who are regularly assigned the use of a City-owned vehicle may use the vehicle to go on coffee or meal breaks, provided that they remain in contact with their offices or dispatcher for immediate recall, and provided that they travel within a reasonable distance of city boundaries. Reasonable distance will be judged by the department head and city manager in questionable instances.  
(b) Personal use of the vehicle outside the employee's jurisdiction or obligation to respond to an emergency is prohibited.  
(c) Subject to supervisory discretion and control, City-owned vehicles may be used to pick up coffee or food supplies for City employees who cannot leave their work site, provided that the vehicle is not used outside the City.

D. Take-Home Vehicle Authorization for Public Health and Safety.  
(1) The City Manager is authorized to approve take-home use of City-owned vehicles when operational circumstances require immediate or after-hours response to protect public health, safety, welfare, or critical municipal operations.  
(2) Such authorization may apply to specific employees, classifications, or functions, based on demonstrated operational need.  
(3) The City Manager shall maintain a written record of all active take-home vehicle authorizations, including the justification for each approval.  
(4) All take-home assignments authorized under this section are subject to revocation by the City Manager at any time based on operational, financial, or policy considerations.

E. Unmarked Law Enforcement Vehicles  
(1) Use is permitted solely by a full-time law enforcement officer who is authored by law to carry firearms, execute search warrants, and make arrests, and who regularly carries firearms (except when undercover).  
(2) Personal use must be officially authorized by the City Manager and must be incident to law enforcement functions.  
(3) Failure to meet these requirements will result in a taxable fringe benefit.

F. Fire Rescue/Response Vehicles  
(1) Fire vehicles must be clearly marked and used solely by full-time fire personnel who are on call at all times when not on regular shift.  
(2) Personal use (other than commuting) of the vehicle outside of the limit of the firefighter's obligation is prohibited. All use must be incident to public safety functions.  
(3) Failure to meet these requirements will result in a taxable fringe benefit.

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

Dated: February 24, 2026

Cathy A. Jock  
City Clerk

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

Notice of formation of Heartwood Hall LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/22/2026. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NY Secretary of State: Heartwoodpotsdam@gmail.com. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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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 # 2026-111 Gasoline, Indian River CSD 2025-2026 & RFB # 2026-112, Indian River CSD 2025-2026**. Bids will be received until **Thursday, March 5, 2026 @ 11:00 AM** at the St. Lawrence/Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Office, 40 W Main Street, PO Box 231, Canton, NY 13617. Bid will be open and read aloud at this time and location. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope entitled "Bid Request – RFB # 2026-111 Gasoline, Indian River CSD 2025-2026 & RFB # 2026-112, Indian River CSD 2025-2026."

Bid documents may be downloaded from [www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york](http://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york) or may be obtained by contacting the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Supervisor of Purchasing Services at [dbessette@silboces.org](mailto:dbessette@silboces.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.

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

Priority in Place Consulting, LLC was formed on February 5, 2026. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 131 Main Street, Potsdam, NY 13676. Priority in Place Consulting, LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY  
LEGAL NOTICE

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Complete Application

Date: February 18, 2026  
Applicant: Village of Potsdam, PO Box 5168, Potsdam, NY 13676-5168  
Facility: Potsdam Municipal Airport, Hatch Road, Potsdam, NY, 13676  
Application ID: 6-4074-00179/00004  
Permit(s) Applied for: 1-Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands 1 - Section 401 - Clean Water Act Water Quality Certification  
Project located: in Potsdam in St. Lawrence County  
Project Description: The Village of Potsdam proposes to rehabilitate, reconstruct, and expand the terminal apron at Potsdam Municipal Airport, a public-use, General Aviation Airport. An approximately 25,980 SF asphalt apron expansion is proposed. This project will also include new aircraft tie down anchors, underdrain, and new LED medium intensity apron edge lighting including a new 1kW constant current regulator. The proposed action will disturb approximately 0.358 acres of a delineated wetland within the area of excavation. Proposed fill materials include native soil used as subgrade fill material (~2600CY). Porous stone fill will be used to line the bottom of a proposed swale (~125CY). Crushed stone will be used as subbase for reconstruction and expansion areas (~2430CY). Asphalt binder and surface course will be used on all apron areas (~500CY). Topsoil will be applied to all disturbed areas outside the edges of pavement at a depth of 3" (~50,800SF, ~500CY).  
Availability of Application Documents: Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.  
State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination: Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.  
SEQR Lead Agency: None Designated.  
State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination: The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity.  
Availability For Public Comment: Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than March 27, 2026, or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.  
Contact Person: Christopher O. Swamp, NYSDEC, State Office Building - 317 Washington Street, Watertown, NY, 13601, (315) 785-2248.

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

Notice of formation of Diggin Deep Racing, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/23/2026. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The LLC: PO Box 561 Waddington, NY 13694. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

HOPKINTON  
LEGAL NOTICE

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

Dated: February 20, 2026  
Greg Crump, Hwy Supt.  
Town of Hopkinton

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Notice is hereby given that the **St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office** will accept sealed bids for:

BID NO. 2026-06

PIN 7754.25 – REPLACEMENT OF COUNTRY ROUTE 22 OVER SAWYER CREEK (BIN 3340950)

AND

PIN 7754.26 – REPLACEMENT OF COUNTRY ROUTE 34 (WEST POTSDAM ROAD) OVER TROUT BROOK (BIN 3341630)

The Owner is St. Lawrence County and the work sites are located in the Towns of Fowler and Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, New York. The projects limits for the Replacement of CR 22 over Sawyer Creek extend 700' west of the bridge to 200 feet east of the crossing. The project limits for the Replacement of CR 34 over Trout Brook extend from 150 feet west of the bridge to 175 feet east of the crossing.

The work includes providing all labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and other means of construction necessary and incidental to the completion of the work shown on the Plans and described in these Specifications including, but not necessarily limited to the following:

Replacement of CR 22 over Sawyer Creek includes the removal and replacement of the bridge on a similar vertical and horizontal roadway alignment. The existing bridge will be removed in its entirety and replaced with a 72'-6" long multiple steel girder superstructure with a composite concrete deck. The new superstructure will be supported on semi-integral abutments bearing on bedrock. The bridge and approach roadway will consist of 10'-0" travel lanes and 4'-0" shoulders. Approximately 400 feet of approach roadway reconstruction will be required to tie the new bridge into the adjacent roadway sections. New box beam guide railing will be installed on the bridge and onto the approaches. Traffic will be maintained on an off-site detour during construction.

Replacement of CR 34 over Trout Brook includes the removal and replacement of the bridge on a similar vertical and horizontal roadway alignment. The

existing bridge will be removed in its entirety and replaced with a 60'-0" long multiple steel girder superstructure with a composite concrete deck. The new superstructure will be supported on integral abutments on drilled micropiles to bedrock. The bridge and approach roadway will consist of 10'-0" travel lanes and 4'-0" shoulders. Approximately 150 feet of approach roadway reconstruction will be required to tie the new bridge into the adjacent roadway sections. New box beam guide railing will be installed on the bridge and onto the approaches. Traffic will be maintained on an off-site detour during construction.

This is a Federal Aid Project and NYSDOT Standard Specifications, officially finalized and adopted on January 1, 2026 as posted on the New York State Department of Transportation's website must be followed by the successful Bidder.

The DBE goal for this project is 0%. There are no M/WBE or SDVOB goals for this project. The EEO Employment goals for this project are: 2.5% Minority Employment Goal 6.9% Women Employment Goal

Contract Documents, including Invitation to Bidders, Information For Bidders, Wage Rates, Bid Documents, Agreement, Special Notes, Specifications, Contract Drawings and any Addenda, may be examined, at no expense, at the office of: Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., 443 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool NY 13088 or at St. Lawrence County Department of Highways, 44 Park Street, Canton, New York 13617 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bids to be considered must be received in a sealed envelope at **St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office, 48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617 by 3:00 PM**, local time, on March 17, 2026 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the above noted time will not be accepted. All sealed envelopes should be clearly labeled **(2026-06) PIN 7754.25 – Replacement of County Route 22 over Sawyer Creek (BIN 3340950) and PIN 7754.26 – Replacement of County Route 34 (West Potsdam Road) over Trout Brook (BIN 3341630)**

Riverside Cemetery of Norwood Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, 3/14/2026 at the Norwood Municipal Building at 11:00am.

Open to lot owners and the general public.

We are seeking new members/trustees.

If interested attend meeting or call Thomas Woodward at 315-353-2500.

Notice of Formation of St. Lawrence Legacy Company, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/27/2026 and Certificate of Amendment filed with SSNY on 2/5/2026. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o Mercurio, 15152 Hennepin Cir, Port Charlotte, FL 33981. Purpose: any lawful activity.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The **Clifton-Fine Central School District** , invites the submission of Sealed Bid Proposals to furnish materials and labor to complete the Clifton-Fine Central School District Capital Improvements Project BCA Project No. 2025-059

all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

This work is to be bid under a MULTIPLE CONTRACT system covering the work of all trades under separate contracts as follows:  
Contract No. 1 – General Construction  
Contract No. 2 – Mechanical  
Contract No. 3 – Plumbing  
Contract No. 4 – Electrical

Sealed Bid Proposals will be received until **3:00 p.m.** prevailing time, on **Thursday, March 19, 2026** , at the

Clifton-Fine Central School District  
11 Hall Avenue  
Star Lake, New York 13690

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

Please **visit [thebcgroup.com/bidding](http://thebcgroup.com/bidding)** for the project information and select the project and complete the Bid Set Request Form to order a printed or digital copy or both, of the bidding documents. Printed copies of the documents for each prospective bidder may be obtained from the office of BCA Architects & Engineers upon payment of \$100.00 for printed sets. A payment of \$100.00 will be required for each printed additional set requested (if available). Bidders wishing documents mailed to them shall include, in addition to the document deposit, a non-refundable check of \$15.00 per set for handling and postage or a UPS/FedEx account number. **There is no cost to the bidders for digital copies.**

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

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

A pre-bid conference and onsite review of the project areas will be conducted by the Architect on **Wednesday, March 4, 2026**, commencing at **3:00 p.m.** The pre-bid conference will be for all contracts.

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

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

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

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

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

**ATTENTION OUT-OF-STATE BIDDERS**

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

No bid will be considered when opened unless accompanied by a certified copy of your Authority to do Business in New York State. This is not to be confused with a sales tax certificate. The Authority can be obtained by contacting: New York State Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
162 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12231  
(518) 473-2492

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

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

By Order Of:

Date : February, 19, 2026 Alison Frizzell, District Clerk

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

Notice of formation of The Howe Camp, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/20/2026. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The Howe Camp, LLC: 337 West Valley Road Lake Placid NY 12946. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of Stanley Property Holdings LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/20/2026. 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: Noah G. Putnam, 33 Park St, Canton, NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of formation of West Branch Recording Studio LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Brandon Snell: 8877 US Highway 11. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY  
ADVERTISEMMENT FOR BID

BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES  
SOLE SUPERVISORY DISTRICT  
1. 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 # 2026-107, Fuel Oil Kerosene Winter Mix – Chazy CSD  
RFB # 2026-108, Fuel Oil Kerosene Winter Mix – Indian River CSD  
RFB # 2026-109, Fuel Oil, Indian River CSD  
RFB # 2026-110, Gasoline, Indian River CSD  
RFB # 2026-113, Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel/Ultra Low Sulfur Kerosene – Indian River CSD

Bids will be received until **Thursday, March 5, 2026 @ 11:00 AM** at the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Office, 40 West Main Street, PO Box 231, Canton, NY 13617. Bids will be opened and read aloud at this time and location. Bids shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes entitled:

“Bid Request – RFB # 2026-107, Fuel Oil Kerosene Winter Mix – Chazy CSD”  
“Bid Request – RFB # 2026-108, Fuel Oil Kerosene Winter Mix – Indian River CSD”  
“Bid Request – RFB # 2026-109, Fuel Oil, Indian River CSD”  
“Bid Request – RFB # 2026-110, Gasoline, Indian River CSD”  
“Bid Request – RFB # 2026-113, Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel/Ultra Low Sulfur Kerosene – Indian River CSD”

Bid documents may be downloaded from [www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york](http://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york) or may be obtained by contacting the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Purchasing Agent at [dbessette@silboces.org](mailto:dbessette@silboces.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.

BRASHER  
PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to the Town Board and in compliance with section 166, Sub 11 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, all Town Roads in the Town of Brasher will be temporarily closed to all vehicles having a gross weight in excess of the posted weight of six tons, as requested by Larry Hewlett, Superintendent of Highways. Closings are in effect when posted and will remain in effect until the authorized removal of such signs. DATED: February 18, 2026  
Larry Hewlett, Highway Superintendent  
Town of Brasher

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

Notice of Formation of Riverside Real Estate NY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/05/2026. 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: Nicholas A. Sterling, 300 CR 12, Antwerp, NY 13608. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of Rowan's Little Pumpkin Ridge and Orchard LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/04/2025. 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: Charles E. Burt, 615 Byrns Rd, Gouverneur, NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY  
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license, number “NA-0340-25-228000” for liquor, wine, and beer has been applied for by the undersigned\* to sell liquor, wine, and beer at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 12520 State Highway 37, Waddington, NY 13694, St Lawrence County for on premises consumption.

\*Seaway Tap House, LLC  
Dba: Seaway Social  
12520 State Highway 37, Waddington, NY 13694

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

Notice of formation of Three Branches Farm LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/23/2026. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Stephanie Wyant: 2605 State Highway 310 Madrid, NY 13660. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Francis Property Rentals, LLC was formed on January 16, 2026. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is Po Box 423, Brasher Falls, NY 13613. Francis Property Rentals, LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.



# Golden Knights on the world stage: Clarkson athletes shine at 2026 Winter Olympics

From the ice arenas of Milan to the sliding track in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Clarkson University's presence was unmistakable at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games.

Eleven current and former Golden Knights represented their countries on one of sport's grandest stages, continuing Clarkson's proud Olympic tradition and reinforcing the university's reputation as a winter athletics powerhouse.

Women's ice hockey once again served as the strongest showcase of Clarkson's international impact — and this year, it culminated in Olympic gold.

Team USA captured the gold medal after defeating Canada in a thrilling championship showdown, reclaiming the top spot in women's hockey.



At the heart of that victory was Clarkson alumna Haley Winn.

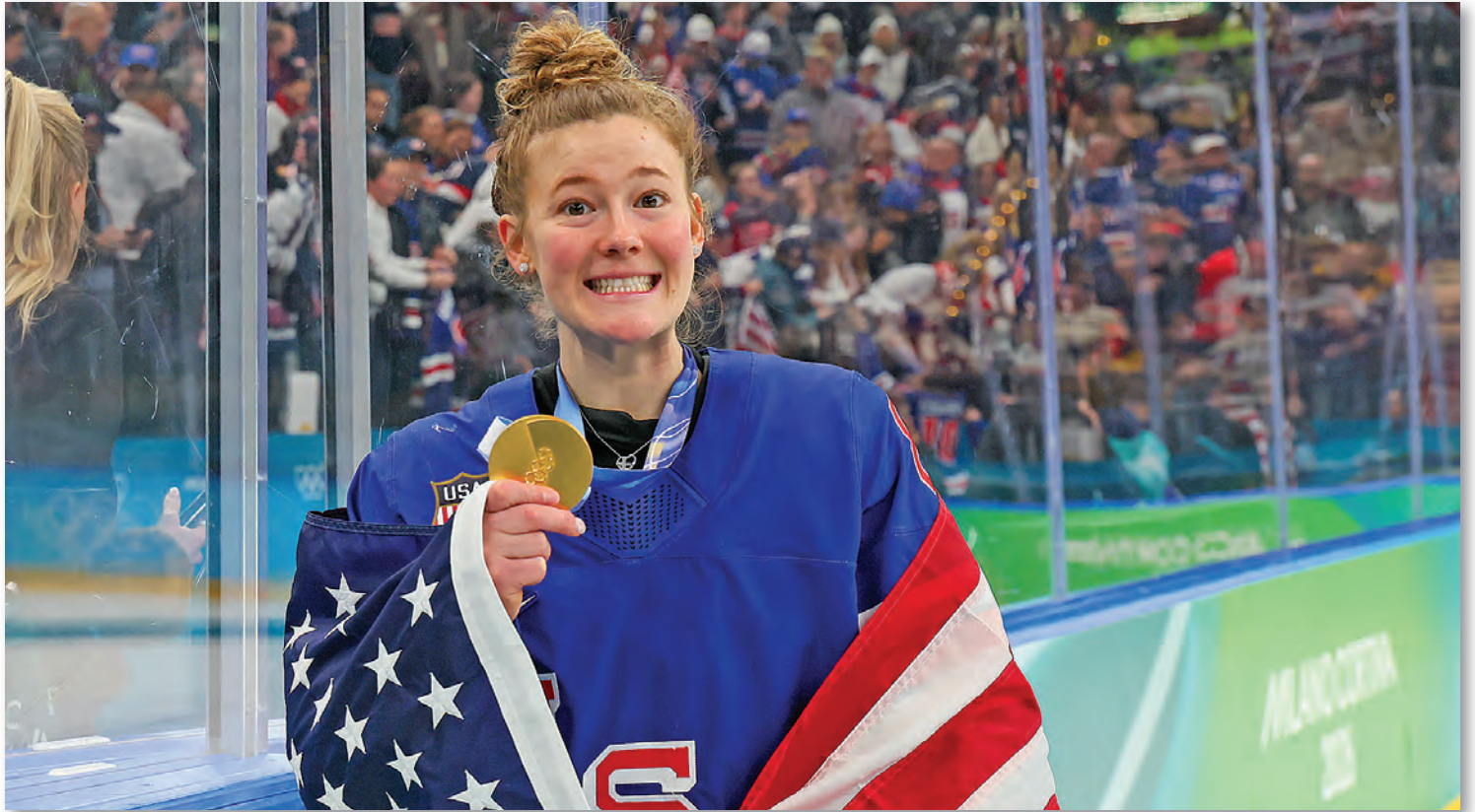
The defender logged significant minutes throughout the tournament, scored her first Olympic goal in preliminary-round play, and brought steady, composed play to the American blue line in high-pressure moments.

Her defensive poise and ability to move the puck cleanly out of danger were key components of the United States' championship run.

For Winn, the journey from Potsdam to Olympic gold marked a defining milestone in an already impressive hockey career.

On the other side of the rivalry, Clarkson alumnae Renata Fast, Erin Ambrose and Ella Shelton

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Above, Clarkson alumna Haley Winn logged significant minutes throughout the tournament, and scored her first Olympic goal in preliminary-round play.

helped power Team Canada to the silver medal.

The trio anchored Canada's defensive corps throughout the tournament, matching up against the world's top forwards and contributing in transition. Fast added offensive production from the back end, recording assists and playing heavy minutes.

Ambrose once again showcased her calm, steady presence in crucial matchups, while Shelton provided depth and physical reliability. Although Canada fell just short in the gold-medal game, the silver medal added another Olympic achievement to an already decorated group of Clarkson graduates.

Clarkson's reach extended well beyond North America. Manon Le Scodan, a freshman playing for the Golden Knights this season, represented France in her Olympic debut, recording an assist and logging meaningful ice time against

the sport's traditional powers.

Czechia's Andrea Trnkova, a junior, and alumna Michaela Pejzova also competed on the Olympic stage, gaining invaluable experience against elite international competition and helping elevate the global profile of their national programs.

The men's hockey tournament featured Golden Knights making their mark as well.

Nico Sturm brought NHL experience and veteran leadership to Germany's lineup, logging key minutes as his team battled through tightly contested matchups.

Fellow German Lukas Kalbe delivered a memorable individual performance against Latvia, recording both a goal and an assist in a dramatic game.

Latvia's Haralds Egle also represented the Green and Gold proudly, competing in a spirit-

ed tournament that once again showcased the passion of Olympic hockey.

Beyond the rink, Austin Florian carried Clarkson pride to the skeleton track.

A former Alpine ski racer for the Golden Knights, Florian transitioned to skeleton during his collegiate years — a move that ultimately led him to the Olympic Games.

In his Olympic debut, he finished 12th in the men's individual skeleton event, the top American result in the field.

He also competed in the mixed team skeleton event, where Team USA placed seventh.

When the Olympic flame dimmed in Italy, one truth stood out clearly: Clarkson athletes do not simply reach the world stage — they compete, contribute and bring home medals.

With Olympic gold and silver added to the university's legacy, the Green and Gold once

## Haley Winn's superfan brothers go viral in Italy

While Haley Winn was anchoring Team USA's blue line on the way to Olympic gold, her three older brothers were becoming fan favorites in the stands.

Dressed head-to-toe in red, white and blue, from matching bucket hats to bold patriotic outfits, the Winn brothers became viral sensations during NBC's broadcasts of the women's hockey tournament.

Cameras frequently cut to their animated celebrations, rallying chants and emotional reactions as Team USA advanced through the bracket and ultimately captured gold.

Their over-the-top support resonated widely on social media, where clips of their celebrations circulated throughout the Games.

What made the moment especially powerful was its authenticity. The Winn siblings grew

up playing hockey together, and their visible pride as Haley reached the pinnacle of her sport embodied the emotional core of the Olympics.

When the final horn sounded and Team USA secured the gold medal, the brothers' celebration mirrored the joy felt by American fans everywhere — a reminder that behind every Olympian stands a family that shared the journey.

## Venom on ice turns heads

Skeleton racing is built on precision and fearlessness, and Austin Florian brought both, along with unmistakable style, to Milano Cortina.

The Clarkson alum captured international attention with a custom helmet inspired by Venom, the Marvel anti-hero.

Featuring sharp white eyes and a bold, toothy grin across a black shell, the helmet became one of the most talked-about visuals of the Winter Games.

As Florian raced head-first down the track at speeds topping 80 miles per hour, television cameras and social media feeds alike

gravitated toward the striking design. Clips of his runs circulated widely, with fans praising both his creativity and his competitive performance.

While Florian's 12th-place individual finish marked the top American result in the event, his helmet helped draw new viewers to skeleton and added personality to a sport that often flies under the radar.

In a Games defined by tradition and excellence, his bold design became a symbol of individuality — and another memorable chapter in Clarkson's Olympic story.



Olympians Made Here Collection via Getty Images



**Hospice care meets people where they are, providing comfort, guidance, and presence in the place they call home.**

## What Hospice care really is

### Understanding comfort, care, and support at end of life

#### **We're Not Ready for Hospice.**

When people hear “hospice,” they tend to say, “We’re not ready for hospice.”

What they usually mean is, “We’re not ready for death.”

That makes sense because talking about dying can feel heavy. It can feel scary. However, hospice is not about rushing death. Hospice is about caring for someone whose illness will lead to death and making sure they are as comfortable as possible along the way.

#### **What Shifts When Hospice Begins**

Hospice care may begin when a doctor believes a person is in the last six months of life, treatment meant to cure the illness is no longer helping, and the person decides to stop those treatments. At that point, the focus shifts. Instead of trying to stop the disease, hospice focuses on comfort and quality of life.

Hospice nurses manage pain and other symptoms like shortness of breath, anxiety, nausea, or restlessness. Home Health Aides help with personal care. Social workers sit at kitchen tables and talk through hard decisions, connect families to resources, and facilitate family meetings.

The Spiritual Care Coordinator offers support if it is wanted and can connect patients to

clergy of their choosing. Volunteers may read, listen, or simply sit quietly so no one feels alone.

They also give family members a chance to step away from the 24/7 caregiving role.

#### **Hospice Happens at Home**

Hospice care in St. Lawrence County happens right where the person calls home. Home can mean the farmhouse the patient was born in, a newer home built with their spouse, an apartment, or a nursing home room.

The hospice team comes to the person. Families are taught how to care for their loved one and are supported to feel confident doing it.

There is support 24 hours a day if something changes or feels frightening.

Hospice is not about rushing death. Hospice is about caring for someone whose illness will lead to death and making sure they are as comfortable as possible along the way.

#### **Common Misunderstandings**

One of the most common misunderstandings is that hospice is only for the final days of life. In truth, many families say, “I wish we had called sooner.” Hospice can provide



**Hospice nurses manage pain and symptoms while offering dignity and presence.**

months of support, allowing families time to ask questions, prepare for what the body does as it changes, and spend meaningful time together.

Another myth is that hospice causes death. It does not. The illness causes death. Hospice does not speed it up or slow it down. Hospice

focuses on comfort and explains what is happening in clear, honest ways.

Hospice care also continues after a person dies. Grief support is available to family members for up to a year after death. This support may include newsletters, one-on-one sessions, or simple phone check-ins.

## Wedding gift gives back: Wayfinder Challenge

Abby and Hunter made Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley a part of their very special day!

Abby received support from Hospice when she was young and her father passed away. When she and Hunter started to plan for their wedding, Abby knew she wanted to honor that experience.

On a beautiful mid-October day in 2025, guests were invited to donate to Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley through QR codes placed at their tables.

Thanks to Abby’s great idea, Hospice received a \$500 donation from the event that will be used to support families around St. Lawrence County, the way Hospice once supported Abby in her grief.



## Business partners support Hospice

Thank you to the businesses that make compassionate care possible in our community.

They include:

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## Sunrooms can help bridge gap between home and yard

There is no denying the appeal of a sunroom. Sunrooms bring more of the outdoors inside by bridging the gap between home and yard.

Demand is shifting, with more than 61 percent of homeowners now preferring four-season insulated rooms for year-round use, according to Market Reports World.

A sunroom has the potential to offer a roughly 50 percent return on investment and can cost anywhere from \$22,000 to \$72,000 on average.

A sunroom addition is a significant investment and a decision not to take lightly, as it changes both the interior floor plan and backyard space. To decide if a sunroom really is a worthwhile endeavor, it's important for homeowners to consider the footprint of their homes/ yards, how they plan to use the space, and the amount of sun the

home receives.

Professionals with the National Association of Realtors say that a sunroom should not consume more than 30 percent of the remaining backyard and urge homeowners to avoid over-developing a lot. If installing a sunroom will leave a homeowner with only a small patch of yard afterwards, the result can feel heavy and unbalanced.

It also won't match the neighborhood. Another consideration is the local zoning ordinances where a person lives. The City of Los Angeles, for example, warns that most towns require a setback between the sunroom structure and the property line. It's also important to look at the home's roof and whether or not the sunroom will fall right under the eaves or if it will require an expensive tie-in to the existing roof.

It is vital that homeowners determine how they will use the space and when. This will dictate the type of sunroom that should be built. A three-season room is typically uninsulated with only single-pane glass. This is ideal if someone is looking for a screened-in retreat without all of the bugs and a little weather protection. Four-season rooms are fully insulated and tie into a home's HVAC system.

This space will be functional all year long, but it is a more expensive undertaking as well.

The purpose of a sunroom is to benefit from the sun. The value of the space will depend entirely on which way the room faces. North-facing sunrooms have soft light with minimal heat or glare that likely can be used all day.

Morning people can appreciate an east-facing sunroom while drinking

coffee or reading, and the space will cool down in the afternoon.

South-facing rooms will be bright most of the day and may need high-end HVAC hookups or shades to stay comfortable, even in cooler months. West-facing sunrooms are

great for watching sunsets, but the hot afternoon sun must be considered. UV-rated glass to prevent floor fading and even sunburn likely will be needed.

## Kitchens remain top focus for home sellers

### Choose kitchen flooring for function, style

It's well-documented that kitchens are popular gathering spaces in homes. Perhaps that's one reason why homeowners looking to sell their homes direct so much attention to the kitchen before listing their properties. The real estate experts at Trulia note that emphasis is well worth it, as buyers inspect kitchens and primary bathrooms more than any other spaces in a home.

Cabinets and countertops garner considerable attention when pondering kitchen renovations, but it's equally important that homeowners pay attention to flooring when planning a remodel. The following are some notable flooring materials homeowners may want to consider as they plan to remodel their kitchens.

· Ceramic tile: Ceramic tile is a popular kitchen flooring material. The flooring experts at Avalon Flooring note that ceramic tile boasts an elegant and clean feel.

Ceramic tile also is durable and easy to maintain. That simple maintenance includes ease of cleaning, as ceramic tile can be quickly cleared of spills and dirt tracked into a kitchen from outside. Ceramic tile also comes in a wide variety of colors, a versatility that undoubtedly adds to its popularity.

· Porcelain tile: Porcelain tile is another versatile option that can add instant aesthetic appeal to a kitchen. Porcelain tile is water-proof, which appeals to many homeowners looking to renovate their kitchens. Porcelain also is easily cleaned and durable, as flooring experts estimate that porcelain tiles can last anywhere from 15 to 50 years. Porcelain tile also requires minimal maintenance, which appeals to busy homeowners.

· Engineered hardwood: Engineered hardwood is a popular

choice that many homeowners appreciate due to its strength and aesthetic appeal. This flooring material is made with real wood that's reinforced to make it even more durable and water-resistant. The result is an easily maintained product that also can last as long as solid wood flooring so long as it's well-maintained. Various shades, designs and textures are available, which makes this a versatile option.

· Laminate flooring: Laminate flooring is a budget-friendly option that's available in a wide range of styles, colors and patterns. The smooth surface of laminate flooring makes it easy to clean, and it's resistance to water is another characteristic that appeals to homeowners. But spills on laminate floors are best cleaned up quickly, and the material is vulnerable to warping and staining if exposed to moisture for extended periods of time.

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# How homeowners can turn attics into livable spaces

Houses typically feature various areas that are traditionally designed for storage, such as garages, basements and attics. However, with some renovation, these spaces can be transformed into livable areas. Homeowners who would like to convert attics into livable spaces need to take certain things into consideration before starting an improvement project. While the attic may seem like it has plenty of room and is structurally sound enough to walk in, that's not necessarily so. To be converted into usable living space, an attic must be brought up to the standards of modern building codes, according to the design experts at Board & Vellum. Retrofitting beams and insulation can eat up available space in an attic.

Thus, it is best to consult an expert to see if an attic can be converted. Furthermore, an attic that was not initially designed as a room when the house was built can add extra "load" upstairs if it is converted. That could present certain structural problems. That means a structural engineer also must be consulted to see if adding beams, flooring and drywall will necessitate other changes elsewhere in the home to accommodate the extra load. In order to have a functional attic room, building codes will dictate that it needs to be accessible by a full-size staircase. Also, it will need to have another exit in case of an emergency so that will likely be an accessible window, according to the home infor-

mation site The Fill. Homeowners' budgets and renovation plans will need to factor into these considerations. Homeowners also are advised to check local permits to determine what else may be required to go forward. It is best to follow the rules. Lack of a permit for work can affect the ability to sell a home down the line. Individuals also should plan for heating and cooling upgrades as the home will need to have ductwork installed in the attic, or at the least, a stand-alone heating and cooling unit. As heat rises, it can get quite warm in an attic, so ventilation and comfort should be considered. The attic will need to be wired for electricity for lighting and other needs.

# Signs a fireplace is in need of repair

Fireplaces are most heavily used during winter, when temperatures

outside are less inviting and few activities sound more appealing than huddling up indoors around a warm fire. As winter winds down, a season of heavy use can take its toll on a fireplace, making spring an ideal time to inspect these popular features for damage. Homeowners can learn to spot signs suggesting a unit is in need of repair. · Insufficiently vented smoke: Smoke from a fireplace is meant to go up and out of a home through the chimney. If that's not happening, and smoke is instead entering living spaces, then a fireplace and chimney inspection is in order. When such situations unfold, the chimney may be blocked or a damper may be damaged. Such issues are easily and often affordably resolved. But smoke coming into a home also might indicate structural damage to the chimney or fireplace, which can be a more costly fix. · Foul odors: Fireplace aficionados tend to love the smoky aroma that emanates from the fixtures while a fire is burning. If that familiar aroma has been overtaken by a foul odor, then there might be a buildup of creosote within the chimney. The United

States Environmental Protection Agency notes creosote is a derivative of the distillation of tar from wood or coal. Though creosote is a byproduct of burning wood, if it's allowed to accumulate over time, the risk of chimney fires increases considerably. A foul odor coming from the fireplace, particularly when it's not in use, is a sign of excessive creosote buildup, which necessitates immediate remediation. · Water damage: Water damage, which can manifest as rust or dampness around the fireplace or chimney, is another sign a fireplace is in need of repair. Water damage often indicates that water is getting inside. Sometimes that's due to a faulty chimney cap, which is a simple and affordable repair. Other times it could indicate issues with the masonry, which requires a more costly fix. · Diminished warmth: If cuddling up around the fireplace isn't quite as cozy as it used to be, that drop in warmth could indicate issues with airflow or suggest the buildup of creosote. Diminished warmth around a lit fireplace should be brought to the attention of a fireplace professional immediately.

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# Food plot show planned March 12 in Canton

CANTON — Bourdeau Bros will host its free Food Plot Show on March 12 at 6 p.m. at the Best Western University Inn, 90 East Main St. Ray Reeves will provide practical advice on planting, plant selection, care and timing to help landowners improve food plots

this season. Organizers say the event is geared toward those seeking healthier plots and bigger bucks. Attendees will also receive 10% off all gift certificates. More information is available at <https://www.facebook.com/bourdeaubros.canton>.



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# WHAT'S GOING ON

## FRIDAY, FEB. 27

**Fish fry**  
**LISBON** -- The Lisbon Fire Department Annual Fish Fry will be held dine-in or take out beginning at 4:30 p.m. A fish dinner is \$18 with haddock, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese or homemade fries and a homemade roll, coffee and lemonade. Chicken tenders or hotdog meals are \$10. Desserts will be available for purchase through the Auxiliary. .

**Heritage Fair**  
**AKWESASNE** -- Ignite your family fire at the Akwesasne Kahwatsi:re Genealogy & Historical Society's annual Heritage Fair

from 10 to 3 at the Community Services Building, 850 State Route 37. The theme "Fire and Ice: Akwesasne in the late 19th Century" will tell of the events surrounding the shooting of John Fire, AKA Jake Ice, and the history behind the holiday in his honor. Meet representatives and discover services from local historical societies and agencies. For a schedule of events, visit <http://www.kahwatsire.org>.

**Karaoke Nights**  
**HEUVELTON** - AMVETS Post 1997 hosts Karaoke with D&A DJ Fridays, from 6 to 9 p.m. Queen of Hearts drawing at 7 p.m. No cover charge. Sing, listen, and enjoy the evening at 107 State St.

**‘Music of Black Church’**  
**CANTON** -- St. Lawrence University and the Ken Okoth ‘01 Black American Music Project will host an interactive workshop, "The Music of the Black Church," featuring Cory Hunter at 7 p.m. in Peterson-Kermani Performance Hall. The free event is open to the public. Hunter, a professor at the University of Rochester and Eastman School of Music, specializes in African American gospel. He will discuss links between spirituals and Black church music, perform selections, engage students, and lead class discussions during his campus residency.

**Open mic**  
**WINTHROP** -- An open mic night hosted by singer-songwriter Shawn Stoddard will be held at the Outlaw Saloon, 65 Sheldon Rd. The event invites performers to showcase comedy, music, magic, poetry, spoken word and karaoke. .

**SATURDAY, FEB. 28**  
**Wine, Beer, Food show**  
**OGDENSBURG** -- The Wine, Beer, Food & Artisan Festival, presented by Seaway Festival Special Events; runs 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ogdensburg International Airport, 5900 State Highway 812. Attendees can sample regional wines, beers, spirits and coffee, enjoy specialty foods, and shop artisan goods. The indoor festival showcases dozens of vendors and offers a relaxed setting to taste, browse, and discover new favorites..

**‘Frame Loom Weaving’**  
**WADDINGTON** -- - Held at the Gallery, 14 Main St., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn how to string and weave a wall hanging of yarns and fibers with Carolyn Cook. Beginners - Cost is \$65 for loom, loom supplies, and fibers. Prior attendees - Cost is \$45 with fibers provided: bring your own loom. Must register at [www.lakestlawrencearts.com](http://www.lakestlawrencearts.com); email [lakesaint-lawrencearts@gmail.com](mailto:lakesaint-lawrencearts@gmail.com); or call or text Tanya at 315-514-2125 or Bonnie at 315-705-5198.

**‘Messages From Beyond’**  
**POTSDAM** -- Potsdam native and psychic medium Intuitive Claire Erica will host "Messages of Love From Beyond," a group medium reading, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Trillium, 42 1/2 Elm St.; tickets are \$50, with net proceeds benefiting the Potsdam Humane Society and its care and rescue efforts. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To reserve, visit [www.ClaireEricaPsychicMedium.com](http://www.ClaireEricaPsychicMedium.com) and click the event image. For information, email [energyoflove753@gmail.com](mailto:energyoflove753@gmail.com).

**AMVETS breakfast**  
**HEUVELTON** -- AMVETS Post 1997, its Auxiliary and Sons will host a buffet breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. at 107 State St. Donations are appreciated.

**Auditions**  
**POTSDAM** -- Community Performance Series will hold auditions for its 2026 summer musical, "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella: Enchanted Edition." Auditions for adults and children ages 10 and older will take place at the Proscenium Theatre at SUNY Potsdam's Performing Arts Center on Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and March 1 from 1 to 5 p.m. Callbacks are March 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. Details and sign-ups are at [cpspotsdam.org/summer-musical..](http://cpspotsdam.org/summer-musical..)

**Boater safety class**  
**NORWOOD** -- The Norwood Lake Association is sponsoring a NYS Boater's Safety Course on Feb. 28 at the Norwood Municipal Building. The class will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a 40 min. lunch period (not provided). Participants must be 10 years or older. There is no charge to take the course but registration is required: [www.register-ed.com/events/register/222688](http://www.register-ed.com/events/register/222688). All materials are provided. Instructors are Jim and Sue Corbett. Upon successful completion a 90 Temporary Card is issued. Participants must send \$10 fee to NYS for a permanent card. For questions or registration help, call or text Steve Bartlett, 315-262-6106.

**Chicken & biscuit dinner**  
**WADDINGTON** -- Waddington United Methodist Church, 116 East Lincoln Ave., will serve a chicken & biscuit dinner at 4 p.m. The menu includes chicken &

biscuits, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, pie, and a beverage. Adults \$14 and children under 5 are free. Eat-in or take-out.

**Freezin’ for a Reason**  
**POTSDAM** -- GardenShare will host an afternoon of winter fun at Pine Street Arena, 43 Pine St., open skating runs 2:30-3:30 p.m., with snowshoe rentals available 2-5 p.m. Attendees can join a snowshoe kickball game at 3:30 p.m. or visit the warming room for games, glitter tattoos, hair tinsel, and information on GardenShare's food access programs. Admission is \$10 per person, \$40 per family. All proceeds support local food security. Sponsored by Rochester Regional Health.

**Kickin Back concert**  
**MASSENA** - Kickin Back will perform from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Massena Senior Center, 61 Beach St., Massena. Admission is \$7. The kitchen will be open from 4:30 to 7 p.m. serving food and beverages. The public is welcome. Info; 315-769-7810.

**Mid-Winter Contra Dance**  
**HEUVELTON** -- Held at Pickens Hall, 83 North State St.; 7 p.m.; Beth Robinson who will teach all the dances so no experience and no partner necessary. Live music provided by "Gretchen and the Double Stops" accompanied by Matt Bullwinkel on piano. The Double Stops are a subset of The Madstop Fiddlers under the direction of Gretchen Koehler. The 10 piece fiddle band plays a mix of Old Time, Celtic, Quebec and Nordic tunes. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$16 per couple, \$25 per family.

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**Public skating**  
**OGDENSBURG** -- Public skating will be  
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Sat, Sun 1:30pm

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**Psycho Killer**  
7:00, 9:15 Nightly R  
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**CALENDAR . . .**  
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held at Lockwood Arena Saturday, Feb. 28, from 1-3 p.m. Public skating is \$2 to enter, and \$3 to rent a pair of skates. .

**Saturday Night DJ**  
**HEUVELTON** - Dance to classic rock and roll with D&A DJ at AMVETS Post 1997, 107 State St., from 6 to 9 p.m. No cover charge.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**  
**‘Summer Preview Party’**  
**MASSENA** -- Massena Concert Series presents their Summer Preview Party, at noon at Fahrenheit, 4 West Main St. There will be music from Atom Ghost, Divided Roads, Benny Bent Tail, Grim Guitar, and Jaynie Trudell, plus the announcement of the 2026 Massena Concert Series lineup.

**Free family swim**  
**OGDENSBURG** -- The City of Ogdensburg is happy to announce the return of Family Swim. Family swim will be held at the Ogdensburg Free Academy pool, 1100 State Street, on Sundays now through March 1, 12-2 p.m. There is no cost to enter the family swim. For more information, contact Harrison Wert: hwert@ogdensburg.org or call 315-393-1980. .

**Small Town Ramblers**  
**HEUVELTON** -- AMVETS Post 1997 will host a dance featuring the Small Town Ramblers from 1 to 4 p.m. at 107 State St. Admission is \$5.

**MONDAY, MARCH 2**  
**Auxiliary meeting**  
**HEUVELTON** -- AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary #1997 will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Post 1997, 107 State St.

**‘Sentimental Value’**  
**POTSDAM** -- Cinema 10 will screen Sentimental Value/Affeksjonsverdi (Norway/Germany/etc., 2025, d. Joachim Trier, Norwegian/English/French), 133 min R, on March 2. After his daughter turns down the role of a lifetime in his comeback film, a world-renowned director offers the part to an up and coming Hollywood actress. His children must then learn to navigate a bizarre new family dynamic with a stranger in tow. Sentimental Value has been nominated for 9 awards at the 2026 Oscars, including best original screenplay, best director, best actor, supporting actor, and supporting actress. Films are shown on Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the Roxy Theater in Potsdam. Tickets are \$6.50 general/\$55 season or \$5.50 student/senior/\$45 season (season tickets are sharable). For more information please visit <https://www.cinema10.org> .

**Free tax help**  
**MASSENA** -- Free tax help is available through AARP Tax-Aide volunteers for St. Lawrence County residents for the 2025 tax year. The free service will be offered Feb. 2 - April 15 at Massena every Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Massena Community Center, 61 Beach Street. For more information call AARP tax-aide Sheryl Campbell at (315) 212-0450.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3**  
**Dr Kaboom show**  
**POTSDAM** -- The Community Performance Series will present Dr. Kaboom: Under Pressure! at 7 p.m. at Proscenium Theatre, 44 Pierrepont Ave (SUNY Potsdam). Family theater show, recommended for grades 3-6, combines interactive science, comedy and empowerment themes. Pre-show science activities begin at 6:15 p.m. School performances are set for March 4 at 9:30 and 11 a.m.; the 9:30 a.m. show is full. Runs about 60 minutes.

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**WED., MARCH 4**  
**‘Recovery Church’**  
**LISBON** -- Recovery Church will hold weekly services at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 48 Church St. The church describes itself as both a Christian congregation and a recovery fellowship centered on Jesus and the 12 Steps. Organizers say gatherings include music, fellowship, teaching and personal testimony, and are open to the public. For more information, call 315-393-1079, lisbon@recovery.church or visit facebook.com/recovery-churchlisbon.

**THURS., MARCH 5**  
**Grief meeting**  
**LISBON** -- Griefshare will be held at 10 a.m.; Lisbon Wesleyan Church, 48 Church St.; more info or register at Griefshare.com.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6**  
**Fish fry**  
**LISBON** -- The Lisbon Fire Department Annual Fish Fry will be held dine-in or take out beginning at 4:30 p.m. on March 6. A fish dinner is \$18 with had-dock, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese or homemade fries and a homemade roll, coffee and lemonade. Chicken tenders or hotdog meals are \$10. Desserts will be available for purchase through the Auxiliary.

**Free tech help**  
**OGDENSBURG** -- Looking for free help with your technology devices? The Digital Media Design seniors from North-west Tech will be at the Ogdensburg Public Library on Friday, March 6, from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. No registration is needed. The session will start with a presentation on communicating with friends and family, including texting, emailing, sharing pictures, and social media platforms. Bring your device because there will be time for one-on-one help with specific devices and issues at the end of the session.

**Pressure Canning Meat**  
**CANTON** -- Learn to preserve low-acid foods like meat, beans and vegetables during a Pressure Canning Meat class from 1-4 p.m. at the Harvest Kitchen, Extension Learning Farm. Participants will work in small groups to pressure-can a pint of locally raised beef to take home. Instructors, including Harvest Kitchen Manager M. Flip Filippi and Master Food Preserver volunteers, will also cover canning beans and vegetables. Cost is \$40; registration is required at stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu/events.

**Trivia fundraiser**  
**WADDINGTON** -- The Waddington Historical Association will sponsor a trivia night fundraiser at American Legion Post 420, Fenton St. Team registration opens at 6:30 p.m., with trivia starting at 7 p.m. Registration is \$50 per team with up to six members. Prizes will be awarded. Cash bar will be available.

**Thrift shop sale**  
**NORWOOD** -- The Common Cents Thrift Shop on Harrison Street will hold a \$1-per-bag sale. All merchandise is included, including women’s, men’s and children’s clothing, as well as boots, coats and housewares. Store hours are 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Thursday and

Saturday. Donations are accepted during even-numbered months only.

**SAT., MARCH 7**  
**Defensive Driving**  
**OGDENSBURG** - On Saturday, March 7 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Mark Darou will be giving a Defensive Driving Course sponsored by the National Safety Council at the Ogdensburg Public Library. The fee will be \$50 you can sign up for the class by calling Mark at 315-393-3072 ext 5303 or 315-323-2866. You must attend class with your driver’s license.

**Ski and snwoshoe**  
**MASSENA** -- A free night ski and snowshoe event will be offered at Nicandri Nature Center Saturday, March 7, weather permitting. The ski and snowshoe groups will head out with a guide promptly at 6 p.m and 7 p.m. for one hour each.Doorso open at 5:30 p.m. Equipment loans are available free of charge. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early if borrowing equipment to allow time to be outfitted. It is open to all ages and abilities. The Center will be open during this time and there will be an outdoor fire with hot cocoa and s’mores for all participants. Info: info@nicandri-naturecenter.com. or (315) 705-5022.

**Used book sale**  
**BRASHER FALLS** - Friends of the Badenhause Public Library will be holding their monthly used book sale from 9 am to 1 pm at the Badenhause Library, 897 Main Street, Brasher Falls. Book prices are as follows: Adult Hardcover \$2, Adult Paperback \$1, Children’s Hardcover \$1, and Children’s Paperback and Board Books 2/\$1. Children and young adults can select one free book at each monthly book sale. Funds raised will benefit the Badenhause Public Library. Friends of the Badenhause Public Library will hold book sales on the first Saturday of each month as an on-going fundraiser.

OBITUARIES

**Donna L. Bowden, 86**  
Lisbon  
  
LISBON -- Donna L. Bowden, 86, of Lisbon, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at the North Country Nursing & Rehab Center in Massena.  
Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 27, 2026, at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home, with visitation from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.  
A service will follow at 2:00 p.m. with Deacon Mark LaLonde officiating.  
Burial will take place in the spring at Campbell/Flackville Cemetery.  
Donna is survived by her devoted husband, Ronald, whose love and partnership she cherished deeply. She is also survived by her sister, Jean Holmes of Ogdensburg; her brothers, John “Butch” (Sandra) Rupert of Morristown, Allan Rupert of Waddington; as well as several beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins who will fondly remember her warmth and steady presence.

in companionship, laughter, and unwavering support.  
Donna dedicated much of her life to caring for others. She worked for NY Telephone and Acco Brands before finding her calling at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, where she served as a therapy aide for 26 years.  
Her kindness, patience, and gentle spirit made a lasting difference in the lives of the individuals and families she served. She retired in 1994.  
Outside of her work, Donna embraced life’s simple joys.  
She loved boating along the river, gatherings with family, and traveling to new places.  
She found quiet happiness in crossword puzzles, reading, and tending to her flower gardens, where her nurturing touch was evident in every bloom.  
Above all, she treasured time spent with those she loved, creating memories that will continue to bring comfort and smiles to her family.  
Memorial contributions may be made to the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department in her honor.  
Condolences and fond memories may be shared online at [www.fox-andmurrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fox-andmurrayfuneralhome.com).



Donna Bowden

AKWESASNE – Frank P. Scott, 90, a native of Norfolk and more recently residing in Akwesasne, peacefully passed away Sunday morning, February 22, 2026 at North Country Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Massena.  
Frank was born in Norfolk on March 7, 1935, the son of the late Emery and Ruth (Wilkinson) Scott.  
He attended Norwood-Norfolk Central School before going to Massena, where he left to enter the United States Navy in 1956.  
He received his GED while in the military, prior to his discharge in 1960.  
In November 1958, he married Barbara Ann Lennon. She predeceased him on October 12, 1981.  
He found love again as he married Elaine B. Millett on December 17, 1983 in Massena.  
Frank was a pot tender and tapper at Reynold’s Metal for several years.

**Frank P. Scott, 90**  
Akwesasne  
  
He was a proud American Veteran who belonged to the American Legion in Massena and the Sons of The American Legion in Hogansburg. Frank was also a member of the Massena Moose Lodge and had a great love for being outdoors with hunting and fishing being some of his pastimes.  
He also enjoyed playing solitaire on his phone, playing pool and shuffleboard, and greatly enjoyed socializing with his family and friends.  
Frank is survived by his wife, Elaine; his children, Daniel Scott of Rome, New York, Vicki (Tom) Dentinger of Rochester, New York, and Diana Salazar of Houston,



Frank Scott

Texas; his grandchildren, Katelyn and Joshua Dentinger, Kassandra Mills, Michael (Tasha) Greenwood, and Mark Greenwood; 14 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.  
Along with his parents and his first wife, he was predeceased by a son, James Scott; a daughter, Gloria Jean Forrette; his brothers, Earl and Milton Scott; and his sisters, Beaulah Allen and Connie O’Donnell.  
Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, where services will be held later in 2026 with burial in Pine Grove Cemetery, Area 2, Massena.  
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Andrew W. Cook American Legion Post 1479.  
Friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at [www.donaldsonfh.com](http://www.donaldsonfh.com).

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**RECENT DEATHS**  
**DR. ALBERT GLOVER**, 83, Canton, Feb. 3.  
**ANGELINE HOYT**, 58, formerly of Potsdam, Feb. 4.  
**CLARENCE BRUSH**, 70, Massena, Feb. 9. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.  
**PATRICK MCCAREY SR.** 76, Pitcairn, Feb. 9. Arrangements with O’Leary Funeral Home, Canton.  
**DAVID LENNEY**, 68. formerly of Potsdam, Feb. 11.  
**SHIRLEY FENLONG**, 88, Gouverneur, Feb. 12. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Gouverneur.  
**FREDERICK GAMACHE**, 89, Ogdensburg, Feb. 13.  
**HENRY LACOMBE**, 73, Brasher Falls, Feb. 13. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.  
**AGATHA PARKER**, 87, St. Regis

Falls, Feb. 13. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.  
**PATRICK COLLINS**, 85, formerly of Gouverneur, Feb. 14.  
**ALICE LEROY**, 90, formerly of Massena, Feb. 14. Arrangements with Reed & Benoit Funeral Home.  
**ROBERT WHITE**, 91, Massena, Feb. 15. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.  
**BETTY STEVENS**, 99 1/2, Gouverneur, Feb. 16. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Gouverneur.  
**YVETTE SMITH**, 100, Potsdam, Feb. 17. Arrangements with Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam.  
**DARRELL GIVEN**, 78, Russell, Feb. 17. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Edwards.  
**RONALD EDGAR**, 94, Ham-

mond, Feb. 18.  
**GENEVIEVE HAFER**, 95, Potsdam, Feb. 18. Arrangements with Garner Funeral Home, Potsdam.  
**WALTER WATSON SR.**, 86, Hermon, Feb. 19. Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Gouverneur.  
**LISA HADFIELD**, 57, Gouverneur, Arrangements with French Funeral Home, Gouverneur.  
**BERNICE ALDRICH**, 92, formerly of Hermon, Feb. 20. Arrangements with Allen-Denesha Funeral Home DeKalb Junction.  
**DOUGLAS FORTUNE**, 56, Ogdensburg, Feb. 20. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.  
**JOAN COLE**, 85, Ogdensburg, Feb. 21. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

OBITUARIES

Yvette I. Smith, 100  
Potsdam

POTSDAM – Yvette I. Smith, 100, passed away Tuesday afternoon, February 17, 2026 at Canton-Potsdam Hospital.

Yvette was born on January 19, 1926, in Williamsburg, Ontario, Canada the daughter of the late Alexander and Mary (Langlois) Castagnier. On December 16, 1946, she married Aras A. Smith in Massena. He predeceased her on August 19, 2021.

Yvette was a homemaker who had deep and abiding faith in Jesus. She was a member of the New Hope Community Church and enjoyed crocheting and traveling.

Yvette is survived by her children, Carol Smith of Ogdensburg, Brian and Natalya Smith of Arizona, Joanne and Dane Merritt of Norwood, Kathy and Gary Egli of Massachusetts, Clark and Sharon Smith of Winchester, Ontario, Jacqueline Smith of Scotia, New York, and Susan Pascale of Ballston Spa, New York; 26 grandchildren and 41 great grandchildren; her sister, Loretta Roach of Englewood, Florida;

GOUVERNEUR - Patrick Hugh Collins, born September 5, 1940, in St. Louis, MO, died peacefully at home on February 14, 2026, surrounded by family. He grew up in Gouverneur, NY, graduated from Colgate University (1964) and Duke Law (1967). Pat met his wife Theresa, in Syracuse NY. Together, they raised four children in Ogdensburg, NY. An avid sports fan, he never missed his kid's sporting events, was a diehard Duke basketball and St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan. He was an accomplished golfer and a Gold Life Master in the American Contract Bridge League. Pat was a prolific reader and a stickler for correct grammar. He was a connoisseur of ice cream. Green was his favorite color, the more shades worn all together, the better.

Preceded in death by his sister

and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by a son, Stanley Smith.

Friends may call at the New Hope Community Church, 33 Grant Street, Potsdam on Saturday, February 21, 2026, beginning at 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM when a funeral service celebrating her life will be held. Burial will be held on May 18th at 10:00 AM in West Stockholm Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam, where friends may share memories and offer condolences online at [www.donaldsonseymour.com](http://www.donaldsonseymour.com).



Yvette Smith

Patrick Hugh Collins, 85  
Formerly of Gouverneur

Lois Scharoun, mother Virginia, and father Patrick. He is survived by Theresa, his wife of 58 years, daughters Ellen Collins of Harwich, MA, Susan Hanlon (Tim) of Asheville, NC, Tracy Nowvskie (Andrew) of Waxhaw, NC and son Drew Collins of Hendersonville, NC.

Grandchildren Logan, Joe, Ginger, Amelia and great grandchildren Phoenix and Jinx. Along with several nieces and nephews.

Service and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, please support your local library and make sure you vote.



Patrick Collins

Frederick J. “PopPop” Gamache, 89  
Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG - Frederick J. “PopPop” Gamache, 89, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 13, 2026, at his home, with his loving and supportive family by his side.

There will be no public calling hours.

A funeral mass will be held Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 10:00AM at St. Mary's Church, Center Street, Waterloo with full military honors.

A private burial will take place immediately after. A luncheon will follow at Waterloo Fire Department, 39 E Water St., Waterloo, NY.

Fred was born July 17, 1936, in Ogdensburg NY, the son of the late Frederick J. and Ardis (Avery) Gamache.

He was a 1954 graduate of Ogdensburg Free Academy and went on to attend Western Michigan University where he received his Bachelor's Degree after serving proudly in the Air Force from 1955-1959.

Fred dedicated 32 years to the Social Security Administration.

In retirement, he became well known and well loved as the “Mayor of Walmart,” greeting customers for 16½ years.

He also worked at the Seneca County Courthouse as an attendant for four years, and at Corning Glass (Revere) at the outlet mall for four

years.

A committed community volunteer, Fred gave 15 years of service to the Seneca County Senior Center and spent 10 years helping with Bingo at the Waterloo VFW, where he was a member.

He was also a member of the Montezuma Seniors and NARFE.

Fred enjoyed spending time in his machine shop and tinkering with vintage tractors—hobbies that reflected his curiosity, craftsmanship, and love of hands-on work.

He is survived by his son, Darren (Denise) Gamache daughters, Kathleen (Khaley) McCollum-Diatta and Karen McCollum; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and his special friend, Jean Thayer.

In addition to his parents, Fred was predeceased by his wife, Harriet, in 2017.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations in Fred's memory be directed to the Pathway Home of the Finger Lakes, PO Box 516, Seneca Falls, NY 13148.



Frederick Gamache

Henry P. LaCombe, 73  
Brasher Falls

time Henry was the owner of Kengor Tavern in Brasher Falls, NY which he operated for several years.

Henry was a former member of the Massena Rod & Gun and Pistol Club, former member of the Massena Moose Lodge. Henry was also an avid NASCAR fan and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Henry is survived by his companion, Julie LaPage of Massena, NY, and his children, Joshua and wife Chrissy LaCombe of Brasher Falls, a daughter Michelle LaCombe



Henry LaCombe

Alice Lockhart LeRoy, 90  
Massena

Kathryn and Tim Pearson of Citrus Springs, FL, Bruce and Jessica LeRoy of Endicott, NY, and Scott LeRoy of Niskayuna, NY. She has nine grandchildren, Bryan, Stephanie, Jacob, Pamela, Alyssa, Stacey, Meghan, Sarah, and Scott, and 15 great grandchildren, Aiden, Allison, Cameron, Greyson, Izzabell, Keira, Logan, Luke, Maddie, Madelyn, Mason, Molly, Norah, Oliver, and Tucker.

Alice was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, since 1964, serving as regent, vice regent, secretary, treasurer, and on the board of directors. She also served as the Girl Scout Cookie Chairman, as well as co-chairman for the Northern NY Heart Association while in Massena. Alice was a



Alice LeRoy

Patricia Lynn (O'Brien) Hansen, 81  
Ogdensburg

sen.

Pat was born in Richmond, VA on July 18, 1944, and grew up between Ithaca and Boonville, NY, along with siblings Mike and Jody.

After graduating from Ithaca High School in 1962, she married her high school sweetheart V. Lee Hansen on December 30, 1963.

She went on to complete both her bachelors and graduate degrees from SUNY Potsdam (1967), before spending many years in secondary education at the Herman-Dekalb, St. Lawrence Central and Ogdensburg City School districts.

Her 25 years in Ogdensburg as the school tutor found her in over 400 homes, serving students who by chance, choice or medical circumstance had their education advanced oftentimes by her will and persistence alone.

While neither a native nor her place of passing, Pat called



Patricia Hansen

and companion Mike Johnson of Brasher Falls, NY, 5 grandchildren and one great-grandson. Henry is also survived by one sister, June Rusaw of Norfolk, NY, one brother Clifford and wife Melody LaCombe of Massena, NY along with several nieces and nephews. He also leaves his dog Sadie.

In addition to his parents, Henry was predeceased by a brother James LaCombe of Dayton, OH, and a brother in-law Mike Rusaw.

Memorial contributions may be acknowledged with the Massena Humane Society; PO Box 145, Massena, New York 13662.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories, photos and condolences online, by visiting [www.PhillipsMemorial.com](http://www.PhillipsMemorial.com).

member of the Cosmopolitan Dance Club, serving as president, secretary, treasurer, and on the board of directors.

She enjoyed volunteering as a tax consultant for the IRS sponsored by the CAPC of Watertown. Alice was a member of the Northern NY Duplicate Bridge (ACBL Unit 112), serving as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and board of directors.

Alice enjoyed sewing, needlepoint, gardening, cooking, bridge, traveling, and spending time with her family, friends, and pets.

A very special thank you to all the professionals at the Hospice Residential Facility in Watertown, NY for their outstanding care, support, and compassion.

The family asks in honor of Alice that donations be made to the Hospice of Jefferson County, 1398 Gotham St, Watertown, NY 13601.

Arrangements are with Reed & Benoit Funeral Home and condolences may be left online at [www.reedbenoit.com](http://www.reedbenoit.com).

BRASHER FALLS -- Henry P. LaCombe age 73, passed away surrounded by his loving family at Massena Hospital on Friday, February 13, 2026.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Phillips Memorial Home located at 64 Andrews Street in Massena, NY.

There will be no public calling hours or funeral services. A Celebration of Life will take place at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Henry was born on August 30, 1952, in Massena, NY to the late Emile and Mae (Deno) LaCombe. He attended Massena School graduating from Massena Central. He began his work career at Loblaws Grocers in Massena and later started his own business with S & H Sales. At one

MASSENA -- Alice Lockhart LeRoy, 90, of Watertown, passed away peacefully on February 14th, 2026, under the compassionate care of the nurses and family at the Hospice Residence in Watertown NY.

A Graveside Service and Celebration of Life will be held in the Spring at the Fairview Cemetery, Brasher Falls, NY., on Saturday, May 23rd.

Alice was born on March 14, 1935, in Massena, NY, the daughter of Henry and Olga (Curtis) Lockhart, who also had a son, Reginald.

She graduated from Massena Central School in 1953, and went on to earn her Associate's Degree in Business Technology from SUNY Canton in 1956. She was very proud of being a traditional home engineer, while also working along the way as a secretary, receptionist, and customer service representative.

She married William T. LeRoy on October 6, 1956, at the Congregational Church in Massena, NY. William predeceased her on December 28, 2014.

Alice is survived by her children,

OGDENSBURG - Patricia Lynn (O'Brien) Hansen passed away peacefully and surrounded by the love of her family on February 22, 2026.

A celebration of life and burial will be held at a later time at the convenience of her family.

Pat is survived by five sons, their wives and grandchildren—Jeffrey (Sara, Nicholas, Carter), Brian/Kaelene (Tyler, Connor, Michael), Michael/Kimberly (Matthew, Morgan, Riley, Payton, Rachel, Taylor), Todd/Jennifer (Taylor, Abigail, Xavier), Scott/Andrea (Tristan); one great-grandchild (Milo); her sister (and husband) Carol Bloomer (William); nieces/nephews Kara Close, Kristy Cushing, Patrick Bloomer, Doug Hughes; her half-brother Ned O'Brien; and her partner Barclay Wallace.

She was predeceased by parents Dr. Edward O'Brien and Carolyn (Miller) Caul; her step-father Edward Caul; her grandparents Dr. Michael and Francis (McPhilly) O'Brien, and Dr. Wilfred Porter and Mary (Wann) Miller; twin brother Michael O'Brien; and most recently her husband of 53 years, V. Lee Han-

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# GOLF... Louisville’s golf course finances on track

to the course and operating costs can be covered from the fund balance, French said.

He also elaborated on debt that was incurred with the course when it was transferred to town control in 2021.

French said had the debt not been cleared, the course might not be around today.

“There were fees and interest being applied, back taxes owed, and other related expenses that could have compounded. It wasn’t a small sum and likely would have led to the course closing had we not cleared the debt on day one,” he told North Country This Week.

**Stable finances**

Financial records obtained by North Country This Week show the course had unpaid property taxes totaling \$96,286, along with a \$33,000 loan that was inherited from the Massena Country Club.

While expenses have remained relatively consistent throughout the town’s ownership, with 2022 coming in at \$466,530, 2023 seeing an increase to \$566,156.00 due to a major equipment purchase, 2024 landing at \$501,153, and 2025 ending at \$518,329, French said income levels have continued to increase steadily.

Documents show an income of \$566,156.00 in 2022, followed by \$562,190.00 in 2023, \$474,767.00 in 2024, and \$536,355.00 in 2025.

French said weather conditions clearly play a major role in the success of a course, and with near-perfect weather last year, the course was able to capitalize.

“We have two or three rainout days where we lost time, but overall we were able to maximize the number of rounds played at more than 18,000 total,” he said.

French said the number of golfers coming through the pro shop has also led to increased revenue, with more organizations also planning to host tournaments this year.

“It’s going to be a very busy year between our members, visitors, tournaments, as well as our leagues. We’re very excited to see our numbers continuing to grow,” French said.

Membership numbers have steadily increased, allowing the course to stabilize financially.

“We’ve seen those numbers steadily increase each year. Memberships are what sustain the course in the slow months and off-season. With that revenue, we will eventually be in a position to be completely financially independent and won’t need a short-term loan from the town,” French said.

**Break-even model**

While other courses in the area are run as for-profit businesses, French reiterated the point that the Course at Louisville Landing is a municipal course.

“We’re here to provide a service to the community at a fair price. We have been able to maintain our pricing fairly well since taking over to ensure the community has affordable access to a quality course,” French said.

The goal is not to get rich, but rather to function as a “break-even entity” that can stand on its own, French said.

“I’m quite confident that we can do that with the direction we are heading,” he said.

While improvements are also planned to better golfers’ experiences at the course, it was also announced during a recent town board meeting the New York Power Authority would be covering repaving costs at the course.

**NYPA support**

Officials said that cost was estimated at more than \$800,000, an expense that won’t fall to taxpayers or club members.

“It’s another improvement that we’re very excited about and very thankful to the Power Authority for

helping us with,” French said.

Diners will also be able to enjoy a meal at the course this year after town officials approved a new contract with Chase’s Riverside Dining, which French said has proven to be a huge hit.

“We don’t have any say in determining who operates the restaurant, nor do we oversee its operation, but we have heard significant positive feedback about the dining experience. Folks will be happy to know Chase’s will return this year after the town board signed off on them recently,” French said.

He continued, saying he hoped the Power Authority and community would continue to support the course and work collaboratively to support the ongoing efforts.

“It has been a big project with some ups and downs, but we’ve made great progress in just a few years. We have great community support and the Power Authority has been a strong partner throughout the process.”

# FINANCES.. City faces fiscal challenges ahead

which is state funding that helps offset paving costs, will roll over into 2026, but revenue from police services for other governments came in below forecast.

As always, the city’s expenditures remain heavily weighted toward personnel, with 71% of General Fund spending going to employee costs in 2025, up from 63% in 2024,.

That’s due to rising salary and benefit obligations.

The city’s Water Fund ended 2025 \$93,000 in the red, largely due to a self-performed East David Street water project, however, Chronis credited DPW Director Shane Brown with saving the city substantial money as the project was estimated to cost \$1.8 million. Performing the work in-house saved the city more than \$1.2 million.

The Sewer Fund posted a

\$37,000 deficit despite under-spending on operations. Both funds will require careful planning and possible rate adjustments to remain sustainable.

Chronis pointed out the fund balance is not cash but a measure of resources available after prior commitments. The city’s unassigned fund balance is 24.75% of the 2026 budget, which he says is within benchmark guidelines.

However, he cautioned that future capital commitments, including the GRG project, have been restricted. He also noted that a \$200,000 NY SWIMS allocation is not yet accounted for, effectively lowering the ratio to 23.2%.

City leaders warned that persistent gaps between revenues and expenditures could erode reserves, increase financial risk, and limit the city’s ability to respond to emergencies or fund infrastructure. Plans to address these challenges include phased utility rate adjustments, proactive infrastructure maintenance, pursuing grants, and investing in operational efficiency.

Despite these pressures, Gray stressed that disciplined spending and targeted revenue strategies have helped Ogdensburg weather revenue shortfalls while preparing for 2026’s financial demands.

# NY21... Smullen gets nod, Constantino gets kicked out

using her gavel, Constantino continued speaking and criticized Smullen’s conduct. Engle can be heard asking Constantino to remain quiet before requesting that he step outside. Constantino agreed and left the meeting.

Smullen said the episode reflects poorly on his opponent.

“I think my opponent is unfit to serve in this office,” he said, adding that the incident demonstrated instability.

For his part, Anthony Constan-

tino said he believes the meeting reflected poorly on the St. Lawrence County Republican Party, particularly its leadership.

Constantino pointed to an eight-second audio clip in which Chair Nancy Martin referred to the race as a “supposed primary,” a characterization he disputed. The clip, which was posted online, does not provide context for the remark.

“What’s a supposed primary? This is a real primary,” Constantino said in an interview with North Country This Week.

He also questioned Martin’s decision to gavel him down, saying he believed he should have been permitted to engage after Smullen indicated he would take questions. While Smullen did offer to take questions following his remarks, he clarified that he was fielding questions from committee members.

Constantino said he was not given time to answer questions from the committee. However, individuals in attendance said both candidates were allotted the same amount of time.

Earlier this month, Constantino threatened legal action against Smullen over statements he characterized as defamatory. Smullen declined to comment on potential legal matters but said he would defend himself against any allegations and push back against what he called false characterizations.

Smullen, a Republican assemblyman representing the 118th District since 2019 and a U.S. Marine veteran with three tours in Afghanistan, said voters deserve a campaign focused on substantive issues including affordability, energy policy, border security, economic growth and job creation.

Engle said he intervened in the interest of keeping the peace and that the matter did not rise to an enforceable issue. A dispatcher with the Sheriff’s Office said there was no record of the incident.

Attempts to contact Martin were not immediately successful.

Both candidates are seeking the Republican nomination and have expressed support for President Donald Trump.

# Village of Rensselaer Falls launches library, community center initiative

BY PAUL MITCHELL  
North Country This Week

RENSSELAER FALLS – Once completed, a present-day initiative will be the centerpiece for decades to come in the Village of Rensselaer Falls.

Mayor Michael S. Hammond reports the launching of dual community strategies involving the Rensselaer Falls Library and Community Center Transformation project in conjunction with the return of Falls Fest in Pioneer Park.

The initiatives, stated Hammond, are aimed at strengthening the heart of the village.

“At its core, this project is about taking something that has always meant so much to our community and making sure it continues to serve our kids, families, and future generations,” said Hammond. “The library has always been a place of opportunity. We’re simply making sure it stays that way for the next 100 years.”

The Library and Community Center Project will preserve the long-standing role of the library while expanding it into a year-round gathering place for residents and visitors. The upgraded, energy-efficient, net-zero facility will continue to serve as a hub for learn-

ing, connection, and community activity, Hammond noted.

Construction is ongoing, and the library remains open and active during the process every Tuesday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The second initiative, the Great American Falls Fest – 2026, continues to grow as a signature open-air event in St. Lawrence County. This year’s festival will feature a Kids Fishing Derby, bounce houses, eight live bands, cornhole, a fire-works display, local vendors, and food trucks galore, creating a full weekend of entertainment and family-friendly activities.

While Falls Fest has not historically centered on a single theme, the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the United States provides a meaningful opportunity for reflection and celebration.

“With the nation’s 250th anniversary, it feels right to lean into something that celebrates who we are as Americans and as a community,” Hammond said. “This is about heritage, family, and the shared pride we have in The Falls.”

Organizers are also exploring a Service Parade to be held on Saturday, Sept. 12, to recognize past and present service members, including military personnel as well as local police, fire, and rescue organiza-

tions.

“Our service members—whether they wear a military uniform or serve right here at home—deserve to be recognized,” Hammond added. “A service parade would give our community a chance to say thank you in a meaningful and visible way.”

Both initiatives rely on strong community partnerships, volunteer support, and local business sponsorships. Organizers are currently seeking sponsors, vendors, and supporters who want to be part of these efforts.

“These are two separate projects, but they share the same goal,” Hammond said. “We are investing in spaces and experiences that bring people together. When communities gather, good things happen—for our kids, for our families, and for the future of the Falls.”

Community members and businesses interested in supporting either effort can contribute by mail: Library & Community Center Project Donations - PO Box 1, Attention: Rensselaer Falls Library Association

Falls Fest Sponsorships - PO Box 1, Attention: Falls Fest Committee

The mayor will be providing updates on both initiatives in the coming months.

# Democratic Senate candidate for 49th district says voters deserve choice

BY JOSH DAVIS  
North Country This Week

Cassie Robbins Forbus says democracy isn’t working effectively with only one candidate’s name on the ballot. The Democrat is seeking election to New York’s 49th Senate District, which is currently represented by Republican State Senator Mark Walczyk.

Sen. Walczyk was elected to his Senate seat in 2022 after serving two terms in the State Assembly.

A grant manager, Robbins Forbus also serves as the Democratic Committee chair for Lewis county.

Robbins Forbus grew up in Lewis County and returned to put down roots as an adult.

She has worn many professional hats, including work as a Spanish teacher and English as a second language educator.

“I’m just a regular Joe Schmo working class lady,” Robbins Forbus said, expressing gratitude for the state Public Campaign Finance Program, which allows candidates to qualify for matching funds based on small donations from residents of their district.

Robbins Forbus described her “love of policy” and how it impacts the lives of “people on the ground.”

The Lewis County Democratic Chair said she deeply enjoys forming coalitions for results-driven actions, and noted the importance of bipartisan cooperation to achieve results for local people.

She noted that as a Democrat, she would be in the majority in the State Senate, allowing more immediate cooperation with other lawmakers.

Robbins Forbus is already making her rounds in St. Lawrence County, having made a trip to visit the County Democratic Committee on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Robbins Forbus noted that not all of St. Lawrence County is included in the Senate district, so she would be “eternally grateful” to those county residents who did sign on to her petition.

The 49th Senate District includes much of western and southwestern St. Lawrence County, including the city of Ogdensburg and the towns of Gouverneur, Oswegatchie, DePeyster, DeKalb, Hermon, Russell, Clare, Fine, Pitcairn, Edwards, Fowler, Rossie, Hammond, and Morristown.

She added that community members from throughout the 49th Senate District face many of the same issues, including rising utility bills and healthcare access.

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**Laborer, Wastewater Treatment Trainee, or Wastewater Treatment Assistant Operator**

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TERMS: (1) Full-Time  
(2) Hourly Position  
(3) Evening and weekend hours may be required EOE

Applications may be obtained at the Village Office:  
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**Waddington NY**  
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**[Waddingtonnewyork.com](http://Waddingtonnewyork.com)**  
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### PROFESSIONAL

#### INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNER – SL/2

**SALARY: \$51,261 - \$56,000**

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for a full-time on-site Instructional Designer position in the Center for Learning Design, Innovation, and Online Instruction with an anticipated start date of February 2, 2026.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

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



#### STUDENT CONDUCT OFFICER (SL-3)

**SALARY: \$57,151 - \$63,000**

SUNY Canton is seeking a Student Conduct Officer beginning immediately. This position is Responsible for assisting in the administration of the judicial process on campus including meeting with students to address violations of the Student Code of Conduct and adjudicating or advising during the judicial hearing board processes.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Bachelor's degree.

- Successful candidates will demonstrate excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal skills, along with strong organizational, time management, and collaborative abilities.
- The ideal candidate will effectively manage conflict, stress, and sensitive student information, while fostering positive and productive relationships with faculty and staff.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Master's degree and/or three to five years of professional Student Affairs or Student Conduct experience.

#### PROGRAMMER ANALYST (SL-2)

**SALARY: \$51,261**

The Department of Information Services at the State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for the position of Programmer Analyst (SL-2). This is a full-time position beginning April 1st, 2026.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 4-year degree in Computer Science or a related field OR 2-year degree in computer-related field with 2-years professional experience in the field.
- Actual programming experience at the level of an internship or equivalent.
- Object Oriented Programming concepts as evidenced by experience in Java or other OOP languages.
- Knowledge/experience with SQL.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Customer service orientation.
- Ability to keep pace with modern technology.
- Proactive attitude and ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

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.

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

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## K-2 Teacher Wanted

Little River is a small K-12 democratic school in Canton, New York, providing strong academic classes in a multi-age setting. We are seeking a motivated, creative, experienced teacher to work in our Youngers program, K-2, (certification not required).

We are a community of teachers, parents, and students working together to facilitate our students' quest for knowledge and understanding. This position is in an educational environment that provides academic freedom, choices, and support. You can download a description and application from our website at [www.littleriverschool.org](http://www.littleriverschool.org).

For the full job description and application please visit: [https:// littleriverschool.org/](https://littleriverschool.org/), or reach out to [steve@littleriverschool.org](mailto:steve@littleriverschool.org) for more information.





## City of Ogdensburg Employment Opportunity

### 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
- **Play a crucial role in transformative projects**, helping to **reimagine our historic downtown and waterfront**

**What We Offer:**

- **Competitive Salary:** \$57,966 to \$78,192 -- Based on experience and qualifications
- **Outstanding Benefits Package**, including:
  - **Platinum-level health insurance** (significantly covered by the City)
  - **Generous vacation and paid time off**
  - **NYS Retirement System** for long-term financial security
- **The chance to be a leader in revitalization efforts**—this is a **career-defining opportunity** for a motivated professional

**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](http://www.ogdensburg.org) or contact City Clerk Cathy Jock at [cjock@ogdensburg.org](mailto:cjock@ogdensburg.org) or by phone at 315-393-3540.**

**How to Apply:**  
Download the **Civil Service application** at [www.ogdensburg.org](http://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.

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## Madrid-Waddington Central School



is accepting applications for the following

### Bus Drivers

(CDL w/ S Endorsement required)

Applications with list of required documents available online at [www.mwcsk12.org](http://www.mwcsk12.org) or call **315-322-5746, ext. 35221**.

Mail applications to:  
**Eric Burke, Superintendent,**  
**PO Box 67, Madrid, NY 13660**

**Applications Accepted Until Position is Filled.**

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Office of Mental Health  
St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center

## Trades Specialist (Electrician)

### Join Our Team!

A Trades Specialist (Electrician) is responsible for all electrical work including the planning and laying out of work and the diagnosis of trouble in electrical systems or equipment in an assigned area, on an assigned project or for an entire facility.

**Salary Range:**  
\$50,425-\$61,548 Annually

**Minimum Qualifications:** Non-Competitive: Four years of full-time experience in the electrical trade under a skilled tradesperson which would provide training equivalent to that given in a training, apprenticeship, or equivalent program, OR an equivalent combination of experience and training gained by completion of technical courses in the electrical trade at a school, institute, or branch of the Armed Services; OR successful completion of the two-year Trades Specialist (Electrician) traineeship or a two-year electrician training, apprenticeship, or equivalent program\* such as the New York State Civil Service Employees Association-Partnership Applied Skilled Trades Traineeship and Certificate Program.

\* Successful completion of the traineeship and the training program includes a total of 288 hours of trade-specific classroom instruction, 45 hours of technical math course work, 45 hours of technical communications course work, and 15 hours of blueprint/schematic reading course work. Course work must be completed with an average of “C” or better. Additionally, successful completion of the traineeship also includes 4,000 hours of on-the-job training.

When required to operate motor vehicles, candidates must possess a valid New York State driver’s license appropriate for the type of vehicle to be operated.

**All OMH employees receive a generous benefits package including:**

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HOW TO APPLY

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

## NOW HIRING!

### Building Maintenance Worker

**POSITION SUMMARY**

The Building Maintenance Worker involves semi-skilled work and responsibility for the independent performance of a variety of mechanical and other building maintenance tasks. General instructions are received from the Maintenance Supervisor. The incumbent does related work as required.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Performs semi-skilled masonry, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, welding, and painting work; and
- Installs lights, switches, and receptacles; helps to install and repair wiring systems and equipment; and
- Installs and repairs general plumbing equipment; and
- Does interior and exterior painting; and
- Periodic maintenance on boiler systems; and
- Disassemble, inspect, and perform preventative maintenance on heating equipment; and
- Repairs and replaces locks; and
- Operates automotive equipment incidental to work assignments; and
- Uses a variety of hand and power tools; and
- Participate in snow removal; and
- Participate in general grounds maintenance activities.

**QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE & SKILLS:**

- Graduation from high school, possession of a high school equivalency diploma or possession of an education Plan diploma AND one (1) year of experience in building construction, maintenance, or repair work in one more of the standard building trades such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, masonry, etc.

Please submit resumes to Lindsey Coleman, lcoleman@cantonhousingauthority.com.

Applications will be reviewed immediately and are due by 3:00pm on Friday, March 6th, 2026.



### Canton Housing Authority

Canton, New York  
315-386-8381 • TDD: 1-800-662-1220  
NYS Relay Ctr: 1-800-421-1220  
• CantonHousingAuthority.com •



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### RESEARCH FOUNDATION

#### ACADEMIC COUNSELOR, TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

**SALARY: \$35,000 - \$45,000**

The Academic Advisor for TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) provides holistic academic, career, and financial literacy advising to students who are low-income, first-generation, and/or have documented disabilities. This role supports student success, retention, and timely graduation by delivering individualized advising, monitoring academic progress, and connecting students to essential campus resources.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Bachelor’s degree in Counseling, Education, Psychology, Social Work, or related field.
- 1–2 years of experience in academic support, advising, tutoring, mentoring, or related services.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with diverse student populations.
- Strong interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and work collaboratively.

#### ACADEMIC COUNSELOR / LIBERTY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

**SALARY: \$22 - \$23 / HOUR**

The SUNY Canton LPP program works with numerous school districts and community-based organizations (CBO’s) to deliver academic, career, college, social and emotional support to middle and high school students to graduate and enter the workforce and/or college. These positions are responsible for providing services to students in grades 5 -12 with the Edwards-Knox Central School District or the Gouverneur Central School District, who are enrolled in the partner school districts including outreach, administering program assessments, planning and implementation of lessons, executing retention strategies, and working closely with students and families.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Bachelor’s degree in a relevant field – education, instruct
- Associate’s degree in education, psychology, social work, human services, or a related field. Experience working with school-age children or equivalent.
- A recent background check compliant with New York State Education Department regulations for in-school student-facing positions.
- A valid NYS driver’s license with no restrictions that would hinder the employee’s ability to become LENS approved on campus and trans

#### WORKFORCE INSTRUCTORS (TRAINERS) WCIP WORKFORCE, COMMUNITY, & INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

**SALARY: \$50 / HOUR**

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for multiple part-time, Workforce Instructors (Trainers) in the Workforce, Community & Industry Partnerships Department beginning March 2026.

The opportunity is ideal for working professionals, with flexible scheduling options as many courses offered are in the late afternoon or evening. We are currently seeking multiple adjunct instructors in the following areas: Electric vehicles, Heat Pumps, EPA 608 Refrigerant Certifications, and Photovoltaic Installations

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Associate’s degree in a relevant field.
- Five or more years of industry experience.

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.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT  
Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES (EO/AEE) is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

### HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST

SALARY: STARTING AT \$48,500

### HUMAN RESOURCE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

SALARY: STARTING AT \$40,000

Starting Date:: TBA  
Location: North Franklin Educational Center- Malone, NY

Qualifications, job description and application can be found online at:  
[www.fehb.org/careers](http://www.fehb.org/careers)

Queries should be directed to:  
Jacob Tolosky- Director of Human Resources  
Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES  
P.O. Box 28, Malone, NY 12953  
(518) 483-6420 • Email: jtolosky@fehbm.org

EOE

### Trivia Test

1. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase “carpe noctem” mean in English?
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3. MOVIES: Who is the primary nemesis of Professor X in “X-Men”?
4. GEOGRAPHY: English is the official language in which Central American country?
5. LITERATURE: Which English novel features characters such as Pip, Miss Havisham and Estella?
6. MUSIC: How many strings does a standard guitar have?
7. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom stars a character named Eleanor Shellstrop?
8. HISTORY: Which European ruler is known as the Sun King?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to Mount St. Helens?
10. ANATOMY: Which human organ produces insulin?

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.



# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## PROFESSIONAL



### ACE/ASAP ADVISOR - FULL TIME

**SALARY: \$57,151-\$59,400**

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton seeks to hire an Academic Advisor to join the ACE/ASAP Replication team on our campus. ACE/ASAP is designed to increase timely graduation rates by removing the financial, academic, and personal obstacles that many students confront. Key ACE/ASAP program features include a consolidated block schedule, small class size, required full-time study and comprehensive advisement and career readiness skills. Financial incentives include tuition waivers, yearly textbook assistance, and living stipends for students.

The ASAP/ACE is a member of an integrated college team providing individual academic and personal support to an assigned group of students through the program.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Bachelor's degree and a minimum of 2 years of direct student experience, or a master's degree in a related field (education, psychology, etc.).
- Strong understanding of the needs of first-time and transfer students.
- Demonstrated ability to work both independently and as part of a team.
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate with other campus professionals.
- Willingness to work evenings and weekends as needed.
- Strong organization and project management skills.
- Ability to track and enter student data accurately.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Strong computer skills, particularly with Microsoft Office and an aptitude to learn new systems.

### ACE/ASAP ADVISOR - PART TIME

**\$26/hour - \$30/hour**

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## Early Childhood Specialist Educator

(Teacher's Assistant)

**CLINTON COUNTY**

The Research Foundation for SUNY, a private, not-for-profit Corporation, is seeking a 12-month, full-time **EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALIST EDUCATOR** (Teacher's Assistant) position in Clinton County for the Northeast Education Program (\$35,235.00 - \$41,107.50)/hour, with paid mileage.

We are seeking to add an energetic and qualified educator to our dedicated staff. The successful candidate will provide high-quality small group or one-on-one tutoring, including advocacy for eligible students and their families. NYS Teacher Certification or Teacher Assistant Certification and teaching experience preferred. An associate degree in education or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Experience implementing instructional programs with children and/or young adults in a classroom setting. Strong communication and record-keeping skills required. This unique opportunity enables individuals to work with students at district buildings during and after school hours.

Excellent benefits, including health, dental, vision, and life insurance, are available to anyone working over 18.75 hours per week. Cell phone w/voicemail, e-mail, dependable car, and valid driver's license required. Renewal of appointments is subject to the Research Foundation for SUNY policies and procedures, sponsor guidelines, and the availability of annual funding.

Send your Research Foundation employment application, cover letter, resume, and reference letters immediately to **Laura Burnett, NMEP, SUNY Potsdam, 282 Van Housen Hall Ext., Potsdam, NY 13676**. Alternatively, you can upload them to <https://webspace.potsdam.edu/NMEP>. For more information, please email **Lisa Colby** at [colbylm@potsdam.edu](mailto:colbylm@potsdam.edu).

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. The Research Foundation is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Personal Driver Needed



We are seeking hardworking, enthusiastic, self-motivated and energetic individuals.

**Driver must be customer service-oriented, punctual and friendly.**

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# Join Our Team!

## Program Coordinator (Admin Services) Cafeteria Support

**Locations:** Plattsburgh or Canton, NY  
(Some travel to North Country districts required)

**About Us:** We provide timely, responsive customer service and innovative educational technology solutions to school districts across New York. Our team is dedicated to supporting schools with high quality service, expertise, and collaboration.

**What We Offer:**

- Competitive pay
- Generous vacation, sick days, and holidays
- Health insurance
- NYS retirement and 403B
- Tuition reimbursement
- Some remote work
- No Weekends!

**Key Responsibilities:**

Support districts with cafeteria Point of Sale (POS) hardware and software, including:

- Training district staff and providing best practices on system use
- Troubleshooting software and data issues.
- Collaborating with a team of experts and vendor partners.

**Qualifications:**

- Experience with and/or supporting software applications.
- Strong problem-solving skills.

**Apply Today!**  
Program Coordinator I-Administrative Services (NY HELPS) #2026-165

**Application Deadline:**  
Until Filled

**Questions? Email:**  
[Jeff.Bittner@neric.org](mailto:Jeff.Bittner@neric.org)



## Join our Team!



# Employment Opportunities

- **Adult Psychiatrist 1 or 2**  
(Gouverneur, Ogdensburg)
- **Certified Peer Specialist 1**  
(Inpatient/Outpatient)
- **Children's Psychiatrist 1 or 2**  
(Gouverneur, Massena)
  - **Dentist 1 or 2**
  - **Graduate Nurse**
  - **Licensed Practical Nurse**
- **Mental Health Therapy Aide** (Adult & Children)
- **Nurse Practitioner Psychiatry Children & Youth**  
(Massena)
  - **Principal Psychologist**
  - **Registered Nurse 1**  
(Adult & Children)
- **Trades Specialist, Electrician**

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**School Library Media Specialist**-NYS Library Media Specialist Certification required; Salary is based on experience.

**Bus Driver**- 15 hours per week with AM and PM runs; potential for full-time hours.

**Substitute Bus Monitor**

Contact:  
Jennifer Fleury, 4921 SH 56, Colton, NY 13625, [jfleury@cpcs.us](mailto:jfleury@cpcs.us) or (315)262-2100 ext. 6  
Application deadline is **March 9, 2026**, EOE  
Or apply online at <https://forms.sllboces.org/Forms/CommonApplication>



### Edwards-Knox Central School District

## NOW HIRING

**2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR**  
 **Anticipated Immediate Opening**  
**Prek-12 Music Teacher**  
**Step 1 Salary: \$49,810 (prorated)**

**2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR**  
 **7-12 Math Teacher**  
**Step 1 Salary: \$50,869**

To apply and find more information, visit:  
[www.ekcsk12.org](http://www.ekcsk12.org)

For consideration, apply by **Friday, February 27, 2026**.  
Applications for substitute positions in all areas are continually being accepted.



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## NOW HIRING

### DETAILER & SERVICE TECHNICIAN

**FULL TIME**

**BENEFITS INCLUDE**

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES CLASSIFIEDS

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS (SG-11)

The State University of New York (SUNY) College at Canton invites qualified applicants for:

**1. A full-time, Administrative Assistant 1 position in the Strategic Relations and Communications Department, beginning March 9, 2026.**

**RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:**

- Communication: Serve as the primary point of contact for the office; manage phone inquiries and email correspondence with professionalism.
- Office Coordination: Manage calendars, schedule meetings, and coordinate travel arrangements.

**2. A full-time, 12- month position in the Student Accessibility Department, beginning February 1, 2026.**

**RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:**

- Data & Records: Maintain electronic and paper filing systems, process forms, and utilize SUNY-specific software (Banner and Accommodate).
- Student Support: Provide front-line guidance to students regarding department procedures and campus resources. Must be comfortable working with students with disabilities. Discretion and confidentiality are of the utmost importance.

This title is part of the New York Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Statewide Program (NY HELPS). For the duration of the NY HELPS Program, this title may be filled via a non-competitive appointment, which means no examination is required but all candidates must meet the minimum qualifications of the title for which they apply. At this time, agencies may recruit and hire employees by making permanent non-competitive appointments and the official probationary period will begin. At a Future date employees hired under NY HELPS will have their non-competitive employment status converted to competitive status, without having to compete in an examination. Employees will then be afforded with all of the same rights and privileges of competitive class employees of New York State. While serving permanently in a NY HELPS title, employees may take part in any promotion examination for which they are qualified.

Please see for all available positions. [https://www.canton.edu/hr/job\\_opportunities.html](https://www.canton.edu/hr/job_opportunities.html)

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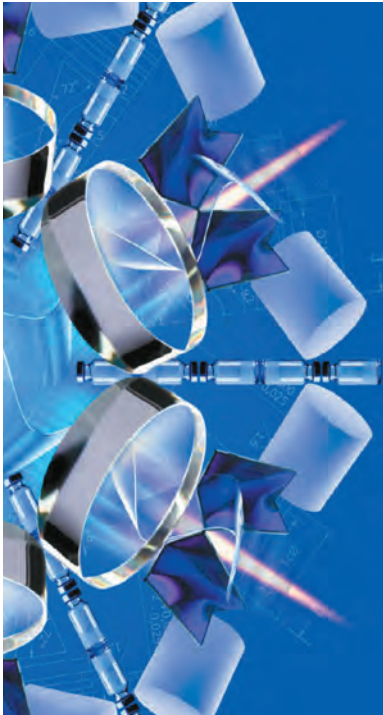
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Information and an application are available on the district website: [www.heuvelton.k12.ny.us](http://www.heuvelton.k12.ny.us)

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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# SEACOMM

## JOB OPENINGS

### COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

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The ideal candidate will possess 1-3 years of similar experience. A bachelor's degree in a related field or equivalent work experience is required. Travel within our markets is required, as needed. This is a full-time hourly position, regularly working a M-F 8a-5p schedule. Salary range is \$21.76 - \$27.20 per hour and will be eligible for quarterly incentives and annual bonus. Actual starting salary will be determined based on skills, experience (to the extent relevant) and other job-related factors, consistent with applicable law.

### FACILITIES SPECIALIST

SeaComm Federal Credit Union is seeking to fill a Facilities Specialist position. This position will be responsible for building and grounds maintenance, general repairs, courier process and vehicle maintenance scheduling. Will be responsible for meeting the Credit Union Service Mission expectations in each and every service interaction with both internal and external members. Must have a basic understanding of plumbing and carpentry, be able to operate all types of grounds equipment, possess a high school diploma or GED and a valid clean driver's license. This is a full-time hourly position, regularly working a M-F 6:30a-3:30p schedule, but shifts may vary as needed to include evenings and weekends. Salary range is \$18.00 - \$21.00 per hour and will be eligible for quarterly incentives and annual bonus. Actual starting salary will be determined based on skills, experience (to the extent relevant) and other job-related factors, consistent with applicable law.

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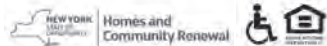
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| 9 |   |   |   | 3 |   | 5 |   |   |
|   | 9 |   |   | 2 |   |   | 6 | 5 |
|   |   |   |   |   |   | 7 |   |   |
| 8 |   | 6 | 3 |   | 4 | 1 |   |   |
|   |   | 8 |   |   |   | 6 | 5 | 3 |
|   |   |   |   |   | 3 | 8 |   | 4 |
|   |   |   | 5 | 8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

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

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Golfer Ernie
- 4 Gullet
- 8 Engine noise
- 12 Horror star Chaney
- 13 Costa —
- 14 Inter —
- 15 Past
- 16 Novelist Jennifer
- 17 Pealed
- 18 Fresh starts
- 21 Boom times
- 22 Small batteries
- 23 Humorist Dave
- 26 Flow out
- 27 Depot vehicle
- 30 "Iliad" setting
- 31 Shade
- 32 Spring honorees
- 33 — Salvador
- 34 Supporting
- 35 Rolled-up sandwiches
- 36 Evergreen tree
- 37 Hindu honorific
- 38 Age-old knowledge
- 45 Soccer leg-end
- 46 Spring flower
- 47 Plastic — Band
- 48 Verbal
- 49 Quitter's word

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- 50 Neighbor of Leb.
- 51 Duck's hang-out
- 52 Checks out
- 53 Tel. number add-on

### DOWN

- 1 Flair
- 2 Theater section
- 3 Winter fall
- 4 Eerie
- 5 Bobby who lost to Billie Jean King
- 6 Smoothie berry

- 7 Hopeful
- 8 Seine city
- 9 — Bator
- 10 Saturn feature
- 11 Cleaning cloths
- 19 Conceal, in a way
- 20 Arrest
- 23 "Dynamite" band
- 24 Notre Dame coach
- 25 Harry Potter pal
- 26 Where Ger. is
- 27 Large snake
- 28 Ref

- 29 Radiator sound
- 31 "That's wonderful"
- 32 Hosp. scans
- 34 Charge
- 35 Places for bracelets
- 36 Relinquish
- 37 Pigs
- 38 Per person
- 39 Roman emperor
- 40 Family
- 41 Tea carrier
- 42 Rx amount
- 43 Cameo stone
- 44 Humorist Sahl

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.



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