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## Beetles bugging residents

**BY PAUL MITCHELL**  
North Country This Week

CANTON — One would think the talk of the town would be the upcoming elections or maybe who is going to win the World Series.

But from what we're hearing, today's topic of interest is ladybugs.

Households throughout the region are experiencing a large influx of what are known as Asian lady beetles. The warm spell seems to have prompted this fall's large numbers.

"We have been seeing a large number of Asian lady beetles as of late. They are moving into structures to overwinter, a process that usually takes place from late September through November depending on the temperatures," said Nick Hamilton-Honey, Natural Resource & Sustainable Energy Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County.

"They prefer to overwinter somewhere warm which is why you see them most times on southern or sunny side of the house, or around windows in homes. They don't reproduce during this time but

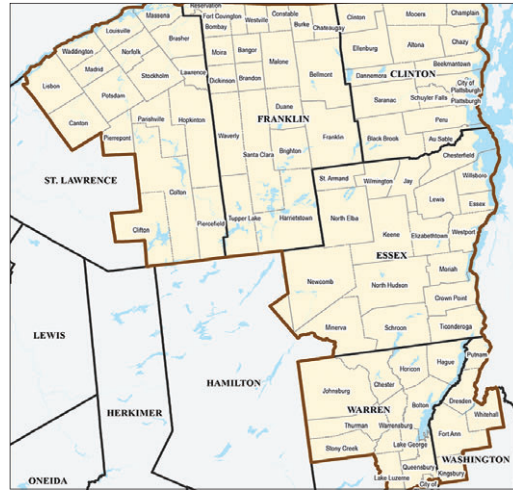


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## Two vying for expanded Senate district



Jean Lapper



The new 45th Senate District includes the eastern half of St. Lawrence County. See story on page 8.



Dan Stec

### Lapper promises green jobs

**BY ADAM ATKINSON**  
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Democrat Jean Lapper is making a run for the District 45 State Senate seat in the upcoming election.

Voters in more than half of St. Lawrence County, including the towns of Canton, Potsdam and Massena will be included in the district for the first time this election. The recent redistricting shifted the district boundary of District 45 to include this large swath of St. Lawrence County voters.

Lapper, a Queensbury resident, runs an accounting firm in Glens Falls. She is involved in multiple community organizations, having served as president of the Glens Falls Rotary Club, as well as a board member for Tri-County United Way and the Family Services Association of Glens Falls.

She is facing incumbent Republican Sen. Dan Stec for the seat on Nov. 8.

North Country This Week recently asked Lapper a series of

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### Stec cites experience

**BY ADAM ATKINSON**  
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Incumbent Dan Stec is running for re-election to the State Senate to represent District 45.

Potsdam area voters will be included in the district for the first time this election, after the recent redistricting shifted the district boundary of District 45 to include a large swath of St. Lawrence County voters. Stec, a former Queensbury town councilman and state assembly member, is running on the Republican, Conservative and Independence Party lines against Democrat Jean Lapper.

The Navy veteran was first elected to the Senate in 2020. North Country This Week recently asked Stec and his challenger a series of questions to get a bead on where the candidates stand on issues important to North Country voters.

### Abortion rights

"I am pro-life with the exceptions of rape, incest and the life of

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## Newcomers face-off for District 13 seat

### Durant wants strong voice

**BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI**  
North Country This Week

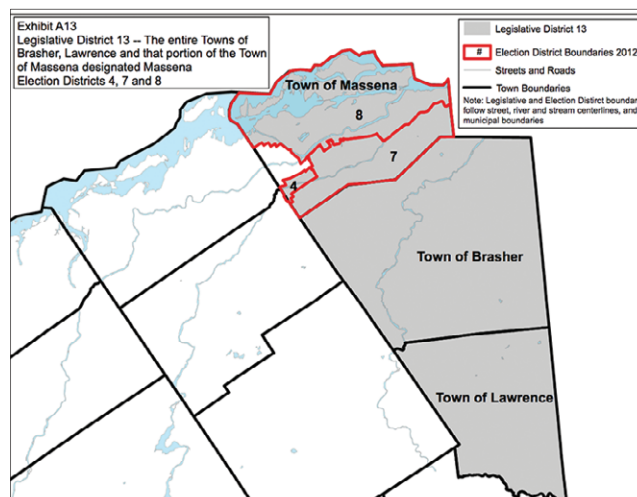
For Lynne Durant, the decision to run for a seat on the county legislature came from a desire to ensure District 13 has a strong voice at the county level.

"I wanted our district to continue to have a strong voice at the county level and felt that I could be that voice. District 13 has always been my home, it is where I chose to raise my family and I have a great sense of pride in my community and what it has to offer," she said.



Lynne Durant

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St. Lawrence County District 13 includes Lawrence, Brasher and part of Massena it's currently represented by Tony Arquette.

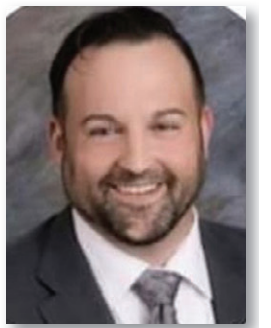
### Gennett knows business

**BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI**  
North Country This Week

John Gennett, a Republican who lives in Brasher Falls, is running for a seat on the county legislature out of a sense of civic duty.

Gennett, who is running on the Republican ticket in November, is running in District 13 to replace Tony Arquette who opted to not run for another term earlier this year.

The district encompasses the townships of Massena, Lawrence and Brasher.



John Gennett

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# Hazard pay for city firefighters nixed

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg City Manager Stephen Jellie has ended hazard pay for firefighters claiming that it's a safety clause in the union contract, but not all city councilors are on board with the decision.

City councilors John Rishe, Nichole Kennedy, Michael Powers and Dan Skamperle raised concerns about Jellie's decision and with the fact they were not informed about it prior to implementation.

Instead, the four read about the hazard pay change in a news story on WWNY-TV, which included a press release from the city not shared with other news outlets.

WWNY reported the city would no longer pay hazard pay to firefighters working short-staffed and would additionally require the firefighters to pay a total of \$311,000 to the city.

Jellie said he became aware that money was being improperly paid to the firefighters and decided to take action, which he says is within his purview as city manager.

City Councilor Powers said such decisions should be brought to the board and certainly should be shared with the council prior to disclosing them to the media.

The city is currently in arbitration with the fire department over minimum staffing and is awaiting a decision from the arbitrator on that issue, Jellie said the hazard pay is the next step in the process.

Jellie sought to discuss the matter in executive session, but Powers said that because it had already been made public in a news report the discussion could also be public. Several councilors questioned Jellie if a legal opinion had been sought on the matter, and he replied that there was.

Councilor Kennedy asked if it could be shared, Jellie said it could

if there were four votes from council requesting it.

In the end the council voted to have the attorney who issued the opinion attend the next meeting to discuss the matter.

No firefighters spoke out at the meeting, though the caller identified as Jason Bouchard, the firefighter's union rep, did attempt to speak via telephone. It appeared that technical issues were at play when he tried to connect.

Some members of the public also spoke at the meeting expressing concerns about the city manager's action including Greg McNamara who at one point called the mayor "Little Hitler," as well as Doug Loffler who said that the recent actions of the city manager were unprofessional.

No formal action was taken by council to continue paying hazard pay in the meantime, but the issue is expected to be taken up at the Nov. 1 budget meeting.



Rob Dean | Submitted

## Trophy buck bagged by Lisbon lad

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## Senate district reconfigured

BY ADAM ATKINSON  
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Voters in more than half of St. Lawrence County will be voting for a new senator in a newly reconfigured State Senate district when they go to the polls in November.

After the dust settled on the sometimes chaotic and controversial statewide redistricting process earlier this year, St. Lawrence County residents who were previously represented by State Sen. Joe Griffo in District 47 will now be in District 45. That District has a contested election between incumbent Republican

State Sen. Dan Stec and challenger Democrat Jean Lapper.

District 45 now includes several new St. Lawrence County towns under the redistricting.

Voters in Lisbon, Waddington, Louisville, Massena, Madrid, Norfolk, Brasher, Canton, Potsdam, Stockholm, Lawrence, Pierrepont, Parishville, Hopkinton, Clifton, Colton and Piercefield will be asked to choose between Stec and Lapper on the ballot this year.

In District 45 early voting, available at 42 Maple St., Potsdam, 13676 (Clarkson Building, Former Honda Dealership), begins Saturday, Oct. 29. Polls are open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Members of the Ogdensburg-based Swe-kat-si chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently toured the Gouverneur Museum. From the left are Shelly Noti, Marlene Graves, Sally Hartman, Sue Ann Stoner, Sheila Rendon, Clair Mathews, Elaine Hopper, and Linda Crandall.

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## Ogdensburg DAR members visit Gouverneur museum

Members of the Ogdensburg-based Swe-kat-si chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were given a tour of the Gouverneur Museum on October 12th by Museum Curator Joe Laurenza.

Of special interest to the DAR members was the museum's Military Room.

It has uniforms and other artifacts of Gouverneur residents who served in the military as far back as the War of 1812.

Other items the members enjoyed viewing and learning about were the fashions, including several wedding

clothes and children's clothing, a Victorian era doll house, a player piano, vintage quilts, tablecloths and serveware, the Nonnie Caswell gallery, and the Museum's library of scrapbooks and other genealogy print resources.

The Museum is located at 30 Church Street in Gouverneur. It is open year-round on Wednesday and Saturdays from 1:00pm to 3:00pm and by appointment for individual and group tours. You can also tour the Museum with your mobile app. Visit their website at [www.gouverneurmuseum.com](http://www.gouverneurmuseum.com).

## One person dies in fire

OGDENSBURG -- One person died following a fire Sunday morning on Mechanic Street, according to city fire officials.

Firefighters responded shortly before 6 a.m. to a reported house fire with entrapment on the 1000 block of Mechanic Street.

The deceased has been identified as Rita Rolfe, 79.

"Shift 4 under the command of Capt. Eric Brunet responded on Engine 3 and Quint 1 with 5 total personnel," officials said. "Units arrived and Capt. Brunet established command and declared a working fire."

Heuvelton Fire was requested for mutual aid.

Members secured a water source and placed ladders to the area reported to have a person near it.

As crews made entry the second floor became more evolved with fire, officials said.

Firefighters began extinguishing

the fire and performing a search simultaneously.

As the fire progressed, a request was made to Morristown and Rensselaer Falls to provide more manpower.

Off-duty and Heuvelton firefighters arrived and were put to work stretching back up lines and performing ventilation.

The fire is under investigation by OFD, OPD, and State fire.

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# Hull running on the Republican ticket for the District 8 county seat

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

MADRID — Madrid healthcare consultant and Deacon at the Christian Fellowship Center Ben Hull is hoping to secure the District 8 seat on the County Legislature in November.

Republican Hull said he's running for office because he believes in the value of community.

"I learned that lesson from my father who had vision for a handful of run-down buildings in Madrid and, through sweat and hard work, transformed our humble town square into something beautiful. Now that I have three children of my own, I am newly motivated to preserve the freedoms and opportunities we enjoy here and

to continue investing in our community," he said. Hull first came into the public eye when he resigned his position as Director of the Center for Cancer Care at Canton Potsdam Hospital when taking a stance against the state mandate that required health care workers to get vaccinated, specifically because it overruled religious exemptions at the time.

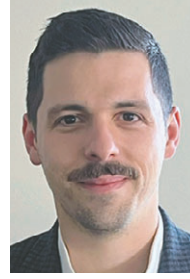
Hull said he could not "violate" his conscience by firing essential healthcare workers who remained unvaccinated.

He said Legislator Kevin Acres approached him about running for District 8 seat soon after that decision.

Hull says he recognizes many problems facing the county in near

future, with staffing of critical positions as a major concern.

"There is a growing concern that we're losing good people because compensation is not competitive. While at the hospital, I managed union-represented staff and successfully negotiated creative solutions that ensured staff were paid fairly and patient care improved. I intend to bring that experience to help get our county departments fully staffed," he said. Hull said the county will also need to be more vocal in Albany in order to better serve the North Country. "In the North Country, we are open to innovation, and we are also practical. We have a legacy of truly sustainable energy production, yet we also want to ensure that people don't



Ben Hull

freeze to death because of wood-burning bans. We need legislators who will partner to bring innovative technologies and economic development to the county yet

are also ready to tell Albany when their policies will harm our region"

Hull studied economics at St. Lawrence University and later earned his Healthcare Administration MBA from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

He says his experience makes him a prime candidate for legislator.

"After graduate school, I returned home to work at St. Lawrence Health where I was promoted to Director of the Center for Cancer Care. For four years, I led that department and expanded the cancer care available in our community. In the fall of 2020, I was personally tasked by then-CEO David Acker to overhaul COVID-19 testing operations across SLH's three hospitals — and to do it basically overnight," he said. "With an incredible team, I coordinated an effort that expanded testing capacity and reduced result wait-times from days to hours. Serving my community in that capacity was the most challenging thing I've ever done and remains my greatest professional honor."

When asked what separates him from his opponent Stephanie Petkovsek, Hull said he's been attending board meetings and preparing himself should he be elected.

"I have attended all but one Board of Legislators meeting in the last four months and have yet to see my opponent there," he said. "Last week, she was asked whether she supported the SLC home heating tax cut and confessed she had never heard of it before. I have examined that important proposal at length with several current legislators and community leaders, and I am ready to pursue it and other ways to lower taxes from day one," he said.

"You may have read my letters in this publication on issues from gun

control to bail reform. I believe in the marketplace of ideas where we offer clear arguments, engage in debate, and listen actively. My opponent has not taken the same approach. To this day, I've never heard her make an argument for anything. The people of District 8 are electing a legislator to speak for them at the county level, and they deserve someone who has shown they can accomplish that."

One of Hull's letters regarding his opinion that clergy should not be mandated to report sexual abuse has drawn critical responses from some members of the public.

Hull was in the public eye for his stance after former members of the CFC made public that leaders at the CFC did not report sexual abuse allegations. The incident was a catalyst for two rallies advocating to make clergy mandated reporters.

Hull said that if he's elected he'd like to see the county legislators focus more on issues and less on politics.

"We spend too much time bickering about party politics. We need to strive to set party drama aside and be attentive to the most important local issues. Even as a candidate, I have had an open dialogue about important issues with many people (including legislators) from both sides of the aisle," he said. "Our county government's response to Covid was admirable in many ways, but it came along with numerous infringements of Constitutional rights. Our own Public Health Department issued stay-at-home orders to St. Lawrence County residents which criminalized the simple act of going on a walk. Regardless of good intent, that was a gross government overreach which ought never to be repeated."

Hull says if elected he's like to see the county put a real effort into addressing the rising homelessness problem.

"New homelessness placements in our county each month have skyrocketed from 9 in August 2020 to 63 in August of 2022. I will propose that the Board of Legislators establishes a task force to respond to this profound and urgent need. There are many known causes underlying homelessness including mental illness, drug addiction, housing or job insecurity, and unstable relationships. Our existing county services are equipped to respond to many of these needs, and we need to take action to help people in these difficult situations," he said.

Hull also said that mental illness remains an "ever-present" crisis in the area. "I have spoken personally with Jay Ulrich, Director of Mental Health at the County, and Dr. Jayme Smith, Director of Behavioral Health at St. Lawrence Health about ways to improve care for our community. Overcoming mental illness requires coordination across many services, and I will apply my experience in healthcare to strengthen our efforts on this front," he said.

Hull said that many people underestimate the importance of local government. He says creating and enacting local laws and deciding how to spend taxpayer money are not "inconsequential things."

"And the truth is, at a local level, we can move the needle on developing a healthy, efficient, and accountable local government," he said. "As your legislator, I will focus on financial responsibility, public health and safety, sustainable economic development, and standing up for Constitutional rights."

Hull said that it is important that we respectfully talk to one another about what matters most in our communities. "Speaking of listening, I intend to be reachable as a legislator, but that doesn't have to wait until January. Please reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback. You can call or text at (315) 244-3393 or email at [bnhull@gmail.com](mailto:bnhull@gmail.com)."

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# Ben Hull

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# Verizon cell service raises EMS concerns

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

MADRID – Problems with Verizon cellular phone service in the Madrid, Lisbon and Morley areas are raising concerns for emergency responders.

For around two weeks residents and commuters have reported disruptions in cellular service.

Madrid Rescue Squad Chief and Canton School Superintendent Ron Burke says the inability to communicate in emergency situations is a concern as many people have dropped traditional landlines to save money and now rely on their cell phones.

“Though normally the service is exceptional, in the past two weeks, residents of this area have been reporting significant issues when on calls. Calls made or received within this region are inaudible to the person on the other end of the call,” he said.

Burke noted that a person in the bad coverage zones comes through the line garbled making it in possible to gather information necessary as to what level of response is needed.

So while a call may be for something like a lift assist, the rescue squad has to respond as if it's a life or death situation.

Essentially because the communication isn't relayed, the squad must respond as if it's a worst-case scenario.

That's putting a strain on already diminished volunteer organizations.

Burke says Verizon Wireless has been contacted by a number of residents.

“They are offering free in-home signal boosters to some, yet the devices have not arrived as promised. They have indicated to others

that there is no issue,” he said. “Yet, crews have been seen working on local towers. It has been reported by some residents that they have stopped to talk to the crews. These individuals have stated that the crews report they are making tower upgrades and to expect the issue to last through the end of the year.”

Attempts to get comment from Verizon officials by North Country This Week on the matter have been unsuccessful so far.

Burke said he's largely experienced the same regarding the cause but said Verizon did issue him a signal booster.

“There has been no proactive communication from Verizon. The reactive communication is a mixed message without relief,” he said.

The issue has also drawn attention from State Sen. Patty Ritchie and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk who say they are working with Verizon officials on the matter.

Though it appears not explanation about what is causing the problem, or how long it's expected to last, has been shared by the company.

“Over the past several days, both of our offices have taken calls from concerned residents who are experiencing very poor cell phone service in parts of St. Lawrence County.

In today's day and age, it's critically important to ensure everyone has access to reliable cell coverage, especially when an emergency situation arises,” the statement said.

Both of our offices have been in contact with representatives at Verizon on this matter and they are looking into the situation. We stand ready to assist at the state-level to address this issue to ensure those impacted will see service repaired.”

## Charged after fleeing police

POTSDAM — A Fort Covington resident was charged after allegedly fleeing police following a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 11, according to state St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies.

Dillon M. St. Ann-Spinner, 21, was charged with third-degree unlawfully fleeing a police officer and numerous traffic tickets follow-

ing an attempted traffic stop Sunday, officers said.

The subject was located later at taken into custody by state police in Malone on State Highway 37.

St. Ann-Spinner was cited and released, deputies said.

Troopers, Canton police, Massena police and Tribal police all assisted in the incident.



Amanda Fenton | Submitted

## Heuvelton scouts install little library

The Heuvelton Junior Girl Scouts (Troop #50223) recently placed a Free Little Library in Heuvelton as part of their bronze award project. Pictured are Bella Forsythe, Allie Herron, Lia Fenton, Kenzie Phillips, Anastasia Kelly and Molly Tyo.



## St. Lawrence County Democratic Committee Endorsements for

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## OBITUARIES

## Michael C. Santora Jr., 89

Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG — Funeral services for Michael C. Santora Jr., age 89 of State Hwy 37, Ogdensburg, NY, were held on Friday, October 21, 2022, at 1:00pm at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home with Deacon Mark LaLonde officiating.

Burial followed at Notre Dame Cemetery with military honors.

Calling hours were held prior to the service from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Funeral Home.

Mr. Santora passed away on Sunday October 16, 2022, with his family by his side.

Surviving is his wife of 46 years, Gladys Santora; son, Jason Santora (Walter McClure) of Albany; stepson Fred "Ricky" (Mira) Kotz of Clemson, SC; stepdaughters Dianna Ellis of Shreve, OH and Georgia Gilmour (David Newtown) of Ogdensburg; a brother Anthony (Charlotte) Santora of Glenville, NY; grandchildren Mike Nichols, Matt (Jackie) Nichols, Jonathan Gilmour (Tara Long), Jennifer (Scott) Buehler, Carl (Megan) Kotz and Sarah (Jonathan) Amick; great-grandchildren Justine (Rob) Ubaldini, Taylor Nichols, Brooke Nichols, Jacob Gilmour, Anna Gilmour, Kaylee Gilmour, Jonah Gilmour, Morgan Buehler, Addison Buehler, Caleb Kotz, Lucas Amick and Logan Amick; along with many nieces, nephews & cousins.

A brother, John Santora, a sister Irene Santora; and a grandson,

Mark Nichols predeceased him.

Mike was born on May 14, 1933, in Troy, NY, a son of the late Michael & Rose (Bagarose) Santora Sr.

He graduated from La Salle Institute in Troy, NY and continued his education at Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland, and later earned a Master's degree in Social Work.

He served in the US Army from 1956 to 1958 and was stationed in Korea. After military service, Mike began his career in public service with the Department of Social Services in Albany as a social worker.

In 1960, he transferred to the Probation Department in Canton, NY where he worked as an officer until 1966, when he joined the Unified Court System, working in Mental Hygiene Legal Services at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center until his retirement in 1998.

He also volunteered with the March of Dimes for many years.

Mike was a past member of the Ogdensburg Elks, Moose Lodge, and the former Canton Club, where he received the dubious honor of being named "Irishman of the

Year".

He served on the Board of Commissioners of the Canton Housing Authority, where he was integral in securing grants for two of the first Housing Authority buildings on Riverside Drive.

He enjoyed golfing, hanging out at OTB, the Saratoga Race Course, traveling, fishing and family gatherings.

Mike was never happier than when he could be surrounded by family and friends celebrating birthdays, holidays, various horse racing stakes races, and other random occasions.

He made a mean antipasto salad with a dressing no one could duplicate, enjoyed drinking wine with his neighbors, loved gin martinis and insisted his pasta was always made al dente, or in his words "don't even bring it to the table."

But most of all, he wanted to make sure his family was happy and taken care of in whatever ways he could.

The family wished to extend a special thank you to the group of angels who helped care for Mike in his later years.

Memorial contributions can be made to Notre Dame Church, 125 Ford Avenue, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Condolences and fond memories can also be shared online at [www.foxandmurrayfunerhome.com](http://www.foxandmurrayfunerhome.com).



**Michael Santora Jr.**

## Patricia A. Peppin Quenneville, 78

Massena

MASSENA — Patricia A. Peppin Quenneville, 78, of Laurel Avenue, passed away Sunday evening, October 16, 2022, at Faxton-St. Luke's Hospital in Utica.

Patricia was born in Utica on October 12, 1944, the first child of the late Gerald and Arlene (Russell) Follett.

She attended rural schools in Brushton before attending and graduating from Brushton-Moira Central School.

She first married Richard Peppin, they were blessed with three sons before their marriage ended.

She later found love again with Raymond O. Quenneville.

They were married on June 12, 2010, at the First Christian Church in Brushton, he sadly predeceased her on June 24, 2022.

Patricia was a licensed practical nurse for the Mansion Nursing Home in Malone for many years.

She was a longtime member of the First Christian Church in Brushton and enjoyed collecting dolls, rabbits, and snowmen.

Patricia is survived by her sons, Richard Peppin of Maryland, Mark Peppin (Bonnie) of Bloomingdale, and Thomas (Vonda) Peppin of Texas; her stepdaughter, Lisa (David) Smith and their family of Massena; her grandchildren, Dustin, Court-

ney, Nicole, and Brooke; and 3 great grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sib-



**Patricia Quenneville**

lings, Gerald Follett of Bangor, Sandra (William) Sabin of Moira, Steve (Cindy) Follett of Massena, and Vilas (Paula) Follett of Brushton; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends called on Monday, Oct. 24, 2022, at the First Christian Church, 45 Delancy Ave., Brushton beginning at 11:00 AM until the time of her service at 1:00 PM.

Burial followed in Sunnyside Cemetery, Brushton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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

## Robert P. "Bobby" Morgan, 64

Waddington

WADDINGTON — Robert P. "Bobby" Morgan, 64, of Winter Haven, FL and formally from Waddington, NY passed away on September 22, 2022.

Bobby worked as the Director of Maintenance at New Horizons Assisted Living Facility.

Bobby was born on June 24, 1958, to Edwin and Gloria (Michaud) Morgan in Ogdensburg, NY. He attended Madrid-Waddington Schools.

His mother, Gloria and his father, Edwin predeceased him, and he is survived by his partner, Tammie Myers; and his siblings, Judy Vilnave and her husband, Gary, Ira (Butch) Morgan, Debbie LaFlair and her husband, Doug, Gary Morgan and his wife, Amy, Ricky Morgan and his wife, Susan, along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Bobby was well known in the community and was always willing

to lend a helping hand to a neighbor in need.

He enjoyed fishing and being with friends.

He left us too soon and will be missed.

Friends and family may call the Phillips Memorial Home located at 28 Clinton Street, Waddington, NY on Sunday October 30,

2022, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. He will be laid to rest at the Foxwood Memorial Park and Mausoleum in Ogdensburg, NY next to his mother.

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



**Robert Morgan**

## Howard C. "Sonny" Bellrose, 79

Massena

MASSENA — Howard C. "Sonny" Bellrose, 79, of Grove Street, peacefully passed away Sunday, October 23, 2022 at Canton-Potsdam Hospital.

Sonny was born on March 16, 1943 in Massena, the son of the late Howard L. and Eleanor R. (Murray) Bellrose.

He was a graduate of Massena High School.

On July 21, 1961, he entered the United States Army, proudly serving his country until his honorable discharge on June 26, 1964.

On December 12, 1980, he married Dianne M. Stewart Konkowski at St. John's Episcopal Church.

She predeceased him on March 22, 2002. He had been previously married to Mildred Fieldson.

Sonny was an electrician for Alcoa in Massena but was often called upon to other plants to troubleshoot electrical problems within the plant.

He retired after many years of service as foreman and supervisor.

He was a member of the Gerald R. Roy Amvets Post #4 and former

member of the American Legion and Elks Lodge.

Sonny was a very generous spirited man, who would help anyone in need.

He loved to visit, tell stories, and would often be found at Spanky's Diner.

He was a jack-of-all trades, master of most, and was proud of the gazebo he built for his late wife in their backyard.

Sonny is survived by his children, Robin Monroe of Potsdam and Timothy Bellrose of Syracuse; his stepchildren, Robyn Pryce and her companion Tracy LaTour of Chateaugay and Thomas Bean and his wife, Abigail of North Carolina; his companion of 20 years, Jean Alexander of Massena and her children, Christine Bean of Massena and John Alexander of Mill



**Howard Bellrose**

Valley, California; several grand and great grandchildren; his sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Glen Soderberg of Michigan; his brother and sister-in-law, Charles "Chuck" and Sue Bellrose of Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was predeceased by a stepson, Todd Konkowski; a great granddaughter, Alexis Lynn Secore; and a brother, Donald "Donnie" Bellrose.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, where friends called Friday, October 28, 2022, from 12:00 until the time of the service at 2:00 PM.

Burial with military honors followed in Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers those wishing may consider memorial contributions to be made in his memory to the Gerald R. Roy Amvets Post #4 or the Massena Rescue Squad.

Friends may share memories and offer condolences to his family online at [www.donaldsonfh.com](http://www.donaldsonfh.com).

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**MARGARET HOXIE**, 77, Massena. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home.

**ELFIE BEDFORD**, 73, Morris-town. Feb. 1. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Homes.

**ROBERT MORGAN**, 64, Waddington. Sept. 22. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home.

**JAMES FRAPPIER**, 80, Norfolk. Oct. 8.

**JOHN KENYON**, 58, Ogdensburg. Oct. 15. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home.

**MICHAEL SANTORA JR.**, 89, Ogdensburg. Oct. 16. Arrangements with Fox and Murray Funeral Home.

**PHILIP THERRIEN**, 84, Bombay. Oct. 16. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home.

**MYRNA BROWN**, 84, Norfolk. Oct. 17. Arrangements with Buck Funeral Home.

**LISA JOHNSON**, 56, Fine. Oct. 19. Arrangements with French Family Funeral Home.

**KENNETH FREGOE**, 94, Masse-

na. Oct. 21. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home.

**BERT DEMMON**, 73, Fine. Oct. 21. Arrangements with French Family Funeral Home.

**DONNA BOMBARD**, 79, Ogdensburg. Oct. 22. Arrangements with Green Funeral Home.

**SANDRA SABIN**, 74, Moira. Oct. 23. Arrangements with Flint Funeral Home.

**HOWARD BELLROSE**, 79, Massena. Oct. 23. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home.

**PATRICK MURPHY**, Massena. Oct. 24. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home.

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# Petkovsek running on Democratic line for District 8 county seat

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week



Stephanie Petkovsek

MADRID — Democrat Stephanie Petkovsek is challenging Ben Hull for St. Lawrence County's District 8 seat, which is currently held by Republican Kevin Acres.

Although not a native of the area, Petkovsek says she loves the North Country and has been a Canton resident since 2013.

"I grew up in a rural community not far from here and I understand the essential role that local government has in helping people solve problems. I know how to work with people from different backgrounds to identify common ground," she said.

Petkovsek is a Senior Lecturer of History at SUNY Canton and says she's ready to use her experience and passion for working with others in county government.

Petkovsek says she's aware that the county will be facing some challenges in near future.

"The biggest challenge for the legislature is how to help people solve problems without letting politics get in the way. I think that by keeping our focus on that goal we can find lots of common ground. The Quarry apartments in Potsdam were built using the expertise of a private business with funding from state grants and innovative tax arrangements. This created jobs for the company

doing the work and invested in our greatest resource: the people of the region. I think that often the most fiscally responsible

thing elected officials can do is invest in our communities. My 24 years of teaching have shown me we don't know who will be next with a great new idea. What we can do is create an environment where those ideas grow," she said.

Petkovsek said that while she's never held public office she's been extremely active in the unions of which she's been a member.

"As a public high school teacher and member of NYSUT, I was an elected building representative. At my current position at SUNY Canton, I have previously served in several positions and am currently the elected Chapter President. I believe my work representing a wide variety of colleagues has given me a unique ability to consider various perspectives and use them to advocate for policies that will benefit those I am representing. Being an educator also keeps me humble and accountable.

I have to know my subject material well and be able to communicate it, but I also have to be flexible to issues that arise in the classroom and accountable to the various learning needs of my students," she said.

When asked what separates her from her opponent Petkovsek said she's focused on local issues rather than matters at the state and federal level.

"Although I am not personally acquainted with my opponent, the rhetoric from some of his recent letters to the editor takes a very adversarial position toward the governor and federal government on issues that don't come before the county legislature. I guess I just don't think all of our problems come from, nor are they solved by, the state or federal government. Focusing on how much power Albany or Washington, DC have, takes away the power of the people of St. Lawrence County to find solutions that work for our area. Finding a way to work on solutions at the local level across party lines is essential to solving problems in SLC," she said.

Petkovsek said that she believes politics at the county have become too partisan and is hopeful she can help bridge the gap.

"I feel that the board risks being more partisan than it needs to be. I would like the legislature to spend more time on the issues we can control and those that will help the quality of life for the residents of St. Lawrence County. That'll help us work together regardless of party

and our county operate more efficiently. Growing up in a small town in Herkimer County taught me to value people over party affiliation. That doesn't mean we agreed on everything. For example, my father and I did not agree on many political issues. He was a conservative guy who grew up on a dairy farm and was the only one of the ten children in his family to go to college," she said.

"He and I would argue politics while at the same time we agreed about the value of hard work and the importance of public service. He got along with people who had really different politics when he was on the local school board, served as an assessor, and in various volunteer organizations. Since we are all neighbors here in the North Country, we don't have to transpose the partisanship that exists at the federal level to this body. One thing I love about living in a small town is that, if your car runs off the road during a snowstorm, no one asks you if you are a Republican or Democrat before they help pull you out. The rural values of helping your neighbor and caring about your community are something I hope we can all agree on."

If elected Petkovsek says she'll have a lot to learn about the work that the county does to promote economic development but says she is interested in the role that colleges in the county can play in creating solutions.

"I know that childcare is a huge issue for families and critical for eco-

nomics development, so I was thrilled to learn that SUNY Canton had received a grant from the state for a future child care center on campus. If we don't have enough safe, reliable places for children, it is impossible for families to be full members of the workforce," she said.

"I also know that an issue facing rural communities is staffing for fire and EMS. The people who volunteer give up a lot of their time and energy to make sure we are all safe every day and we need to make sure that someone is coming when we call 911. I know that many of the EMS volunteers are college students. Is there something colleges can do to further incentivize volunteering? On a personal note, since I have two cats and a dog who were all rescues I would like to learn more about ways that the legislature could work with local shelters to address overcrowding and help find the animals' homes."

Petkovsek says her love for the area makes her a prime candidate for St. Lawrence County.

"My husband and I chose to move back to this area 10 years ago after living out of state because we love it here. It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you while canvassing and at local events. I have also traveled on several dirt roads that remind me of my hometown! Driving down those roads, we would often reflect on the natural beauty of the area and how happy we are with our decision. I would be proud to represent District 8 if elected. Also, go Bills and Orange," she said.

## AT&T expansion could boost cell service for first responders

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This new site is giving first responders on FirstNet access to

always-on, 24-hours-a-day priority and preemption across voice and data.

The new infrastructure will also help improve the overall coverage experience for AT&T wireless customers in St. Lawrence County. Residents, visitors and businesses can take advantage of the AT&T spectrum bands, as well as Band 14 when capacity is available.

## Charged with grand larceny

POTSDAM -- An Ogdensburg woman was charged with grand larceny following a theft complaint at Walmart, 7494 U.S. Highway 11, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies.

Barbra J. Goodreau, 34, was charged with fourth-degree grand larceny, felony, on Saturday, officers said.

The alleged incident took place Sept. 9.

Goodreau was cited and released.

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# Change in health insurance for village employees could save money

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA — A change in health insurance coverage for village employees, retirees and eligible dependents is on the way and officials say it will save money for both the village and those covered. The new plan through Excellus Bronze 4 PPO Plan will be for active employees and their eligible dependents, as well as non-Medicare eli-

ble retirees. That plan will be effective on Jan. 1, 2023, officials say. With the new plan, the village will reimburse 100% of the deductible for each employee and dependents. The village will also continue to provide health insurance coverage through the Medicare Advantage Plan with United Healthcare for all Medicare-eligible members and their eligible dependents, officials say. Officials say under the current plan there are zero deductibles, with

the village paying out \$3,025,454 annually for premiums on 119 employees. "Medicare-eligible retirees are not seeing any change. That's a key detail. Those retirees that are currently Medicare-eligible, their plans stay the same," Deputy Mayor Matt LeBire said. Under the new plan, employees would have a \$7,500 deductible for singles and \$15,000 deductible for families, both of which would be

covered by the village. The village is slated to pay \$1,738,641 in premiums for employees, a 42.5% reduction according to Zachary Zuckerman, vice president of USI Insurance Services. Zuckerman presented the plan options to the village board last month. An amendment to the resolution was also added at the behest of LeBire, who noted language was missing regarding the potential absence of a collective bargaining agreement. "Should there be a notation of as defined by collective bargaining agreements or the employee personnel manual in the absence of CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement) language? I just know over the course of eight years such a simple word has a variety of meanings," he said.

In the end village officials noted many criteria were considered regarding the decision to change plans, including what benefit there may be for taxpayers as well as employees. According to Mayor Greg Paquin, meetings are being scheduled to explain the policy changes for employees, retirees and dependents. "We've tentatively scheduled two days for employee education, Nov. 3 and Nov. 4, and that is throughout the day," Paquin said. The meetings already scheduled are slated to be held at the Department of Public Works, the fire station and the police station, officials say. "We'll make sure we have a letter that we'll send out to everyone regarding that," Paquin said.

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## Teachers call on district to negotiate for a fair contract

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Massena Federation of Teachers representative Randal Freiman has called upon the district to come to the table to negotiate a fair contract with the teacher's union. During the rescheduled Board of Education meeting held on Oct. 24, Freiman took the opportunity to address the board and call upon them to negotiate a fair deal with the union.

"The board is aware that staff morale is low," he said. Freiman went on to describe the conditions teachers were forced to teach under, calling it the "worst time" for many teachers who have had to persevere through pandemic restrictions.

Freiman said many teachers are now dealing with the fallout of students learning remotely, including behavioral and social issues that some students have experienced. "Your staff has endured and now we are looking to this board for the best contract in the region," he said.

Freiman highlighted a number of figures, including the 2020-21 expenditure budget.

According to Freiman, the school budgeted \$56,664,833 and spent \$52,533,223 in that time frame.

Freiman asked the district why, if the district had over \$4 million remaining, was it out of line to ask for raises in line with what many other districts have given their teachers in years past.

During that same academic year projected revenues were listed at \$54,408,159.

"The district has 4 million dollars in the ERS fund and that actual payments is \$828,748. Why have 4 million dollars for a known budgeted item of just over \$800,000," he said.

Freiman conceded that salaries and benefits are the district's largest expense, saying that teacher salaries topped \$13,827,093 during the 2021-22 academic year however the district budgeted \$14,635,462.

Freiman asked the board why the excess of over \$800,000 could not be used for raises for current staff or to hire new staff to cover the spread.

Healthcare was a similar story, Freiman said. The district budgeted over \$16 million for benefits but only spent around \$15 million.

Freiman spoke further to the over budgeting and the fact new teachers were not hired before being cut off for going over his allotted time by over one minute.

Beth Reyes, a special education teacher and department chair at J.W. Leary Junior High also addressed

the board, saying teachers are continuing to put students first despite not having a contract.

"As you know, we reinvented our teaching practices during COVID. We risked our own health when we returned to school and continued to reinvent our practice behind masks, six feet from our students, all while fearing we would get sick on the front lines or worse, bring COVID into our homes," she said.

Reyes said the board voiced their thanks for teachers during the pandemic but said it felt hollow now as teachers received no thanks or a new contract.

"We read about it in newspaper articles but that must be for show because we have the most funding we have ever had and yet there is no contract," she said.

Reyes commented that teachers face intense state scrutiny every year, saying that additional scrutiny puts significant pressure on an already exhausted staff.

Reyes also took the opportunity to call out the board, saying board members are elected "to ensure the best possible education for students".

"How can we be expected to put forth our best, knowing it's not valued by the very people elected to support us," she said.

Reyes said with the hard working and dedicated teachers the district has currently the district would cease to function.

"What message are you sending to the community and students when you won't agree on a contract," she said.

Following the public comment period Board President Paul Haggett took the opportunity to address the situation with a board statement.

"We unequivocally appreciate and admire the work of our teaching staff. You have done and continue to do marvelous work. Our administrators do as well. Our support staff does as well. We ask the MFT to join the district at the table soon so we can craft a settlement that is fair for everyone. You, the teaching assistants, the students and the taxpayers, we are eager to see your next counter proposal," Haggett said.

Despite the comments from the board, online rumors have continued to circulate regarding the mediation process.

In recent weeks Facebook posts have claimed the school district failed to send a representative to the last round of mediation with the teacher's union, while the union had sent representatives ready for another round of negotiations.

It is unclear at this time when another round of mediation will be held.

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OGDENSBURG – The Salvation Army is now signing up families for Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance. Sign up days and times are on The Salvation Army Ogdensburg Facebook page – facebook.com/SalvationArmyOgdensburg. Appointments are not needed this year.

With the cost of living rising dramatically over the past year, The Salvation Army expects to serve a record number of families this year.

“We’ve seen a large increase in the number of families who are utilizing our food pantry”, according to Major Patti Murray of The Salvation Army.

“The families who we’re blessed to serve are having to make difficult choices with their finances, often having to choose between shelter and food. Many will not be able to afford a Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas dinner or gifts for their kids under the tree,” she said.

Students from the Community Connections and Pre-Vocational programs at BOCES in Ogdensburg packed Thanksgiving baskets at The Salvation Army building recently.

“These students are amazing”, says Captain Scott Murray of The Salvation Army. “They worked really hard, far exceeded our expectations and carefully packed over 100 food boxes. We are so blessed to have had them help us out.”



Salvation Army photo

**Students from Community Connections and Pre-Vocational programs at BOCES in Ogdensburg pack over 100 Thanksgiving baskets at The Salvation Army building recently.**

The BOCES students will return to The Salvation Army several times over the next couple of months to continue to help provide for those most in need in the Ogdensburg area.

An “Angel Tree” will be set up at Walmart in Ogdensburg starting Nov. 15,

with tags of much needed clothing items for kids in need.

“Each tag represents a real child in the Ogdensburg area who needs that particular clothing item”, says Major Patti Murray, “and people can help by purchasing that clothing item and dropping it in the marked

collection bin at Walmart. That clothing item will go directly to the child who needs it.”

People are also needed to “ring the bell” at The Salvation Army’s iconic red kettle stands. The red kettle stands are the largest fundraiser for The Salvation Army in Ogdensburg. Money donated at the red kettle stands stays right here in the Ogdensburg area and helps families in the Ogdensburg area through the entire year.

For more information on The Salvation Army and volunteer opportunities, call the office at 315.393.3351.

## Village approves deal with school for resource officer

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Massena Village Officials approved a deal with the Massena School District to add a school resource officer from the Massena Police Department.

Though the resolution passed, Trustee Francis Carvel opposed the measure. The final vote was 3-1 with Trustee Christine Winston being excused from the meeting on Oct. 18.

The resolution required two amendments before ultimately being passed.

Both amendments were presented by Deputy Mayor Matt LeBire, who had concerns about potential legacy costs associated with the position, as well as the potential cost of liability insurance.

Under the terms of the agreement, all costs for the SRO would fall to the school district.

“We have been saying all along that this will be at zero cost to the taxpayers, which is great. I think the SRO position is badly needed. However, in reading the draft, I have concerns about if and when this is successful, and we have an employee there for 10 or more years, there’s going to be certain legacy costs associated,” LeBire said.

LeBire said he was concerned that the costs could become “sizeable”, which could pose a significant problem in 10 years time if the position was maintained.

As a result of the amendment the school district will be responsible for payment of any and all legacy costs if the village continues to provide SRO services for 10 or more years.

In his second motion, LeBire lobbied the board to raise the total maximum cost from. \$80,000 to \$82,000 to ensure any additional liability insurance would be covered. The fear was that, if the insurance quote were higher than expected, the difference would have to be covered by the village.

The amendment was also approved in that case but not before Carvel raised a few concerns about the total expense of the position.

Carvel mentioned a story pub-

lished last week by North Country This Week that detailed the expenses for a SRO through the St. Lawrence County Sheriff’s Office, which Hermon-DeKalb Central School will pay \$29,181 for.

The resolution from the County Legislature detailed the expenses associated with the position, including the insurance costs, workers compensation costs, benefits, retirement and the requirement of the district to pay all overtime costs incurred by the SRO.

Mayor Greg Paquin said he believed the position at Hermon-DeKalb was a shared one and that the cost was more likely to exceed \$100,000 when additional benefits were factored in.

County officials also approved an SRO for the Edwards-Knox School District in June at a total cost not to exceed \$104,000 for 2022. Total cost to the county is \$79,069, according to the resolution.

Those expenses include more than \$50,000 for administrative costs with the rest being made up of health insurance, retirement and social security expenses.

Carvel also voiced his concerns regarding the additional liability to the village, saying the added cost to taxpayers was something that needed to be considered.

“It’s around \$815, Francis,” Mayor Paquin told him.

Carvel said his main concern was that the taxpayers would be on the hook for additional expenses, not through the village but more likely through school taxes.

“I don’t control their budget. Their taxes haven’t gone up in quite some time, and they have more money than they know what to do with,” Paquin said.

Following the approval of the resolution, the school board will discuss the amended agreement and either approve the measure or vote down adding a school resource officer this year.

“If they accept our changes, we’ll have a school resource officer. If they don’t accept our changes, then we won’t have a school resource officer,” Mayor Paquin said.

## New satellite office for DSS in Massena

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON — The Department of Social Services Children’s Services Unit will soon have another satellite office, this time in Massena.

St. Lawrence County legislators on the services committee approved a resolution that will allow the chairman to sign a contract to lease a space located at 280 Main St.

The decision came during the committee’s Oct. 24 meeting.

According to Joseph Seeber, Commissioner of DSS, the move comes after the “resounding success” seen with the satellite office in Ogdensburg.

That location was approved last October and was designed to “root employees in the community and situate them closer to both schools and families with an expectation of a six month review to determine if it should continue.”

The main offices for DSS, located on Judson St. in Canton, has seen

the Children’s Services Unit expand in recent months, necessitating the satellite offices.

“We had been exploring expanding our services again to different parts of the county,” Seeber said.

Seeber said his office has heard it is difficult for many families around the county to come to the main DSS office, leading the department to assess options on how to better serve the community.

According to the resolution, the SWOT analysis conducted by County Administrator Ruth Doyle demonstrated the pilot program in Ogdensburg was a success, leading to the immediate recommendation to grow the location while also searching for a second location in Massena.

Officials say the Massena location would allow the department to decrease response times and create inclusive practices with the Massena community.

“I think it will serve our needs very well and this resolution is to

ask the chair to be able to sign that lease effective Nov. 1, we’re hoping with a targeted move in date of Jan. 1,” Seeber said.

The space is 2,400 square feet and will house a unit from each area of Children’s Services with space for ancillary services to rotate in availability, including staff from Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Temporary Assistance (TA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other units, officials say.

The lease agreement will run from Jan. 1, 2023 through Dec. 31, 2027 with additional one-year options available. Payments are set to begin upon occupancy of the location. Cost of the contract will be \$16.25 per month per square foot or \$39,000 annually, with a 2% increase annually built into the deal.

The resolution will require full board approval before DSS can close on the location and begin moving in.

## Juvenile charged for Heuvelton vandalisms

HEUVELTON -- A juvenile is reportedly suspected of recent vandalism at Heuvelton Central School, according to district Superintendent Jesse Coburn.

Coburn issued a statement to district families Oct. 24 and said law enforcement informed him that the suspect had been identified and charges are pending.

“Because this is a police matter and the suspect is a juvenile, I am not able to comment further,” he said.

State Police investigators, St. Lawrence County Sheriff detectives and Federal Postal Service Investigators were all investigating multiple break-ins in Heuvelton.

Aside from the school, vandalism was reported at Amvets Post 1997, the Post Office, and Doug’s Tavern.

Police have not released information related to those incidents.

Superintendent Coburn addressed families who may have questions.

“While we cannot comment on the particulars of this situation, it’s important to remind students that acts of vandalism are a crime punishable by law and also violate the district’s code of conduct. Consequences for such behavior according to the code of conduct include suspension and/or expulsion,” he said.

Any student upset by recent events who needs additional support, can reach out to the building principal who can connect a student with counseling staff.

“I want to thank the St. Lawrence County Sheriff’s Department and local New York State Troopers for their diligence in investigating this situation. As a district, we have strong relationships with both organizations, and I am grateful for their ongoing involvement in ensuring

school safety,” Coburn said.

Coburn said school safety would be a topic at Monday night’s Board of Education meeting, including a brief overview of the recent School Resource Office survey.

“I also want to thank our staff for their commitment to keeping school as “normal” as possible for students despite recent events. There is no doubt these incidents have left many people feeling unsettled. However, it’s important to remember that safety and security are always a top priority at Heuvelton. We have strategies and protocol in place to keep our school safe, and we are taking additional steps to make it even safer. Our greatest asset, however, is our staff; a team of caring professionals who are committed to understanding and meeting individual student needs every day,” Coburn said.

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# Retired town employees in Massena concerned about new insurance

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA — A group of roughly a dozen retired town of Massena employees voiced their frustrations over a potential new health insurance policy during the town board meeting on Oct. 19.

The group of retirees, who are all over the age of 65, say the new plan would result in higher copays across the board and would nearly double the cost of an overnight stay in hospital.

The 20 or so retirees are all over the age of 65 and argued the decision to change just their policy is purely discrimination due to their ages.

Many said the plan was unacceptable and demanded the town board revert back to the original healthcare plan.

Under the proposed insurance plan for Medicare age retirees, the Medicare Advantage Plan will be provided through AARP United Healthcare with a number of provisions.

As before, retirees will be responsible for the first \$500 of out-of-pocket expenses for prescription drugs.

The town of Massena will also continue to reimburse retirees for up to \$1,500 associated with out-of-pocket expenses.

Some changes that come with

the policy would include the retiree enrolling in the New York State EPIC program, as well as the retiree paying annual AARP membership fees.

The change in policy could save the town almost \$88,000, officials say. But the group of retirees argued that their service to the town warrants a better insurance policy.

Members of the group questioned Town Supervisor Sue Bellor about the impact the change would have on the tax rate. Bellor said she could not provide specifics off the top of her head and that budget negotiations were still ongoing. Two more budget workshops are currently scheduled for the coming weeks.

“You’re making budget decisions

and you can even tell us that,” one retiree chided Bellor.

While discussing the effects the healthcare plan would have on taxes, Deputy Supervisor Pat Facticeau also pointed out that both the Harte Haven Plaza and Archonic received a combined assessment reduction of \$6.1 million dollars. That reduction in assessed value will have a significant adverse effect on the budget, he said.

“We also haven’t received our compact funding since the end of 2019, which is a huge loss for us,” Bellor said.

Bellor said the hospital liability the town inherited from the sale of Massena Memorial was a huge drain on the town, leaving a zero balance in the fund balance.

The retirees questioned whether a fund balance existed, accusing the board of gross mismanagement that “comes back on us as retirees.”

Bellor said the decision to settle \$1.7 million in existing trailing liabilities was a difficult but necessary choice for the town. The payment covered remaining liabilities for workers compensation back payments, as well as back payments to the New York State retirement system.

“That decision comes back on the entire community. We have 12,000 people in this community. We have looked through every scenario and this one will help us all,” Bellor said.

Many retirees suggested the liability and the subsequent fall out was not their fault and should not be their problem.

“You’re trying to balance the budget on the backs of retirees and that’s not fair,” one retiree said.

The retirees also questioned whether Board Member Deb Willer should be allowed to vote as a former hospital employee. Willer served 27 years at Massena Memorial and retired as the Director of Respiratory Care in 2015.

“I planned to abstain when we vote and I will do so when the time

comes,” Willer told the retirees.

Many retirees were also concerned that the new plan would not provide coverage if a hospitalization were to occur out of state, arguing that the new plan’s network would not provide adequate coverage.

Willer attempted to put them at ease, saying United Healthcare provides exceptional coverage with a broad network.

“There are very few hospitals out of network with United Healthcare. There is no HMO with this plan and no matter where you are there will be a facility in the network,” Willer said.

Under the new plan retirees will also receive vision and dental insurance, however many said they would gladly give the two up to have the old plan again.

Officials say that wouldn’t make up the difference in cost and the town would still have to pay a significant amount more for the coverage.

Other retirees told the board that a hospital stay would wipe out savings accounts, arguing that their pensions would not cover the added expenses a serious illness would incur.

“I understand, I only have so much coverage myself,” Bellor told the retirees.

One of the retirees went so far as to suggest grandfathering in the old plan for the 20 or so existing retirees over 65, while suggesting future retirees use a different plan like the one proposed. Some of the retirees also pointed to hosting fees paid out for fishing tournaments, as well as paid sponsorships as another drain on funding. According to Bellor, the hosting fees and sponsorships have largely been covered already through grant funding from the state, with additional grant funding expected in the near future from the Market NY program.

After much back and forth that lasted over 35 minutes town officials agreed to table the resolution to allow for further discussions.

## Moving forward on vacant home

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Village officials have agreed to take what they deem necessary steps to secure and repair an unsafe home on Kathleen St.

The former home is owned by a bank in California and has recently been used by squatters in recent months, according to Mayor Greg Paquin.

Officials say a number of properties are proving to become major issues for the village, including the property located at 11 Kathleen St.

One on Kathleen Street was becoming an issue with squatters. Fortunately, that group has actually found proper housing, so they left that building,” Paquin said.

Though attempts have been made to hold the bank accountable, with officials even going so far as to request the bank conduct the eviction process on the squatters, those attempts have gone unanswered.

Now the village can take steps to “properly secure the building, board up the building and make sure no squatters get back in there,” Paquin said.

Paquin pointed out that new laws make it far more difficult to remove squatters, who can remain in a property if they can establish a permanent address there after 30 days.

“If you’re a property owner and your property is sitting vacant, I strongly urge you to at a minimum every two weeks please go check on your property because squatters that inhabit that property are able to establish a mailing address after 30

days. You’re going to have a hell of a time evicting them,” Paquin said.

The new laws, which essentially give tenants more leeway were established due to unscrupulous landlords in the city, Paquin said.

“Unfortunately, the state sometimes thinks that one size fits all and what not, so that’s an issue,” Paquin said.

Paquin said he and the board were well aware of the issues the neighbors were facing and the angst it caused them for many months.

Officials hope the property can eventually be sold and rebuilt to allow a good family to move into the neighborhood.

“This is one of those homes that has the potential to be a really nice home for somebody. This will prevent it from hopefully getting trashed shall we say and allow it to withstand the weather for the next little while until it eventually gets sold,” Code Enforcement Officer Aaron Hardy said.

One of the neighbors to the Kathleen St. property, Ron LaDuke, attended the meeting to offer thanks to the board, code enforcement and law enforcement for assisting in the matter.

LaDuke said there are a number of elderly residents in the neighborhood, along with his own children and grandchildren, and his main priority to to ensure everyone’s safety.

“We want to keep them safe. That’s my big concern. I appreciate you all doing something about it,” Mr. LaDuke said.

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**COLTON FIRE DISTRICT**  
 Due to a scheduling conflict the November monthly meeting of the Colton Fire District will be held on Thursday, November 10 at 6pm at the Colton Fire Station rather than on Tuesday, November 8. By order of the Colton Fire District  
 MJ Watson, Secretary

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Ogdensburg City School District**  
 1100 State Street  
 Ogdensburg, New York 13669

**Legal Notice**  
**Fire Inspections**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Fire Inspection of the school buildings of Ogdensburg City School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, and employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the Management Services Office at Ogdensburg Free Academy, 1100 State Street Ogdensburg, NY for inspection by all interested persons.

Rachel A. Barr, Secretary to the Superintendent, Ogdensburg City School District

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**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF COLTON**  
**Preliminary Budget for 2023**

Notice is hereby given: the preliminary budget for the Town of Colton for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 has been compiled and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, 94 Main St., Colton, New York, where any or all interested persons may inspect it during regular office hours. Further notice is hereby given: the Colton Town Board will meet and review said preliminary budget and hold a public hearing thereon at the Town Hall, 94 Main St., Colton, New York. The public hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. the 2nd day of November, 2022, at which time any persons may be heard in favor of or against any items therein contained. Pursuant to Section 113 of Town Law the proposed salaries of the Town Officials are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor	\$ 11,192.00
Councilpersons (4)	3,932.00
Town Clerk	37,500.00
Tax Collector	7,500.00
Highway Superintendent	70,643.00.00

The Colton Town Board will hold a Town Board meeting on November 16, 2022 at 6pm in the Colton Town Hall, 94 Main Street, Colton NY 13625. All are welcome to attend.

**CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**  
 Town of Canton  
**Legal Notice**  
**Advertisement For Bid**

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk of the Town of Canton will receive sealed bids for the sale of **2010 CAT Front End Loader**

Machine Hours: 3925.4 (May Change from use)  
 Minimum bid: \$90,000  
 If you would like to view the item, please contact Highway Superintendent Steven Smith at 315-386-8707 to make the arrangements.

Bids will be received at the office of the Town Clerk, 60 Main Street, Canton, NY 13617 until 10 a. m. on Monday, October 31, 2022, at which time they will be publicly opened.

Bids must be sealed in a sealed envelope and marked with the item being bid on. The Town of Canton reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Canton.

Steven Smith  
 Canton Highway Superintendent

**NORTH COUNTRY THISWEEK**

**WADDINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the tentative budget of the Town of Waddington for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk in Waddington, N.Y. where it is available for inspection by any interested persons during regular business hours.

**FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Town Board of the Town of Waddington will meet and review said preliminary budget and hold a public hearing via Zoom (link @ [www.townofwaddington.com](http://www.townofwaddington.com)) at 7:10 PM on the 7th of November 2022 in the old town hall, 38 Main St, Waddington and that at such hearing any interested person may be heard in favor of or against any item or items therein contained.

**PURSUANT** to Section 113 of the Town Law the proposed salaries of the following Town Offices are hereby specified:

Town Supervisor	\$10,500.00
Town Justice	13,780.00
Town Councilman	3,090.00
Town Clerk	31,634.00
Highway Superintendent	53,968.00

Dated: October 24, 2022  
 Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Daphne's House LLC  
 Arts of Org. filed SSNY 9/27/22, St. Lawrence Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Linda Kerr 205 Youngs Rd Star Lake, NY 13690 General Purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of Arizonas Little Brook LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-10-20. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Jason Moore : 43 Dutton Road Canton NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of Jessica Evans Photography LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-09-20. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Jessica Evans: 210 Randall Rd Lisbon NY 13658. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of Sears Welding & Fabricating, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-08-03. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Todd Sears: 1125 River Road Richville NY 13681. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District for the period beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2022, have been examined by Bowers & Company, CPAs, an independent public accountant, and the Management Letter prepared in conjunction with the external audit by the independent public accountant has been filed in the Business Office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interest persons. Pursuant to §35 of the General Municipal Law, the Governing Board of the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District may, at its discretion, prepare a written response to the Management Letter by the independent public accountant and file any such response in the Business Office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons not later than January 15, 2023.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of DMF Building and Trades. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-06-15. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to David Flack: 703 Ogden Street Ogdensburg NY 13669. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**MORRISTOWN PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE** is hereby given that the preliminary budget for the Town of Morristown for the fiscal year, beginning January 1, 2023, has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in Morristown, New York, where it will be available for inspection by any interested persons during regular office hours. Further notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Morristown will meet, and review said preliminary budget and a hold a public hearing thereon, on November 08, 2022 at 7 PM. Pursuant to section 113 of the Town Law the proposed salaries of the Town Officers are specified as follows: Supervisor - \$15,000 Deputy Supervisor - \$7,500 2 Council Members - \$4,800 each 1 Council Member - \$4,200 Superintendent of Highways - \$65,879 Town Clerk - \$36,000 Town Justice - \$17,680 Sole Assessor - \$29,779

Dated: October 18, 2022 Jill Sullivan, Town Clerk, Town of Morristown

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of Border Vista Enterprises LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-07-14. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The LLC: 125 Schoolhouse Road Canton NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 The Waddington Town Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 7, 2022 @ 7:00PM in the old town hall, 38 Main Street, Waddington, NY. The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the adoption of Local Law #1 of the year 2022 entitled "Exceeding the tax levy limit imposed upon Real Property pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c(5).  
 Dated: October 24, 2022  
 Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of The Chopping Block & Eatery, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-05-23. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The Chopping Block & Eatery, LLC: 954 Scotch Settlement Road Gouverneur NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**POTSDAM LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Potsdam, NY, on November 7, 2022 at 5:50 p.m. in the Civic Center Board Room, Park St., Potsdam, NY. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on a proposed local law to replace Chapter 94, Fire Prevention & Building Code with an entire new chapter.

By Order of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Potsdam, NY  
 Lori S. Queor, Village Clerk

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law**  
**Amendment to Village Code Chapter 210 (Peddling and Soliciting)**

**Re: Mobile Food Vendors**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Massena, New York, will conduct a public hearing on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Building, 60 Main Street, Massena, New York, to consider REVISING Chapter 210 – Peddling and Soliciting to include language pertaining to MOBILE FOOD VENDORS in order to regulate such activities in accordance with all local, county and NYS laws, protect citizens from deceptive and dishonest practices and to protect local businesses be protected from unfair competition. At such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning the same.

Copies of the proposed local law in its entirety are available in the Office of the Village Clerk located in the Town Hall Building – Room 12, 60 Main Street, Massena, New York, during regular business hours, for the purpose of inspection or procurement by interested parties.

**By Order of the Village Board of Trustees**  
 Monique N. Chatland, Village Administrator/Clerk  
 Dated: October 20, 2022

**LOUISVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 Notice is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Louisville, New York has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk at 14810 State Highway 37 where it is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours.

Further notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Louisville will meet and review said preliminary budget and a hold public hearing thereon, and at such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against the preliminary budget as compiled for or against any item or items therein contained, at the Louisville Municipal Building to begin immediately following the public hearing pertaining to the contract for the Louisville Fire Department at 6:30pm on November 9, 2022. Pursuant to section 113 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the Town Officials are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor	\$27,000.00
Town Clerk	\$31,500.00
Tax Collector	\$6,710.00
Town Justice (each)	\$12,000.00
Councilperson (each)	\$4,500.00
Supt of Highways	\$70,000.00

The regular November Town Board meeting will begin immediately following the Public Hearing.  
 By order of the Town Board  
 Dated: 10/20/22  
 Louisville Town Clerk Joanne Cameron

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING**  
**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**TOWN OF STOCKHOLM**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that due to Election Day, the monthly meeting of the Stockholm Town board will be rescheduled to Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 540 St Hwy 11c, Winthrop 13697. These meetings are open to the public.

October 13, 2022  
 Heather Kish, Town Clerk  
 Town of Stockholm

**HAMMOND LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Hammond for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, has been compiled and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in Hammond, New York, where it may be inspected by any and all interested persons during regular office hours.

**FURTHER NOTICE** is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Hammond will hold a Public Hearing on November 9, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall, 21 S. Main St., and that at such hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against any items therein contained.

**PURSUANT** to section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:

Town Councilpersons	\$8,572 (4 @ \$2,143.00),
Town Supervisor	\$16,640.00,
Town Clerk	\$32,000.00,
Highway Superintendent	\$20,000.00.

**PURSUANT** to Section 495, Chapter 258 of Real Property Tax Law, a report of all Exemptions and Payment in Lieu of Taxes will be posted on the Town Clerk bulletin board and will become part of the final budget.  
 Dated: October 28, 2022  
 Pamela Burton, Town Clerk  
 Town of Hammond

**MADRID NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING**  
 Notice is hereby given that the preliminary budget of the Town of Madrid for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, at 3529 County Route 14, Madrid, NY 13660 where it is available for inspection by any interested person at all reasonable hours.

Further notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Madrid will meet and review said preliminary budget and hold a public hearing thereon, at the Town Office at 6:00 p.m. on the 9th day of November 2022, and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against the preliminary budget as compiled or for or against any item or items therein contained.

Pursuant to Section 113 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the Town Officials are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor	\$11,440.00
Town Clerk/Tax Coll.	\$24,404.00
Councilperson (each)	\$ 2,860.00
Town Justice	\$11,714.00
Supt. of Highways	\$50,012.00

**By order of the Town Board**  
 Dated: October 24, 2022  
 Zoe Hawkins, Town Clerk  
 Madrid, NY 13660

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING**  
**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**TOWN OF STOCKHOLM**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that due to Election Day, the monthly meeting of the Stockholm Town board will be rescheduled to Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 540 St Hwy 11c, Winthrop 13697. These meetings are open to the public.

October 13, 2022  
 Heather Kish, Town Clerk  
 Town of Stockholm

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Stockholm for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk at 540 SH 11C, Winthrop, New York where it is available for inspection by any interested person during regular office hours.

**FURTHER NOTICE** is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Stockholm will meet and review the Preliminary Budget of the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and hold a public hearing thereon, at the Municipal Building at 5:45 P.M. on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled for or against any item or items therein contained.

**PURSUANT** to Section 108 of the Town law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified as follows

<b>SUPERVISOR</b>	\$17,143.32
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	\$23,894.97
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>	\$05,220.04
<b>TOWN JUSTICE</b>	\$11,498.92
<b>COUNCILMEMBERS (4)</b>	\$04,480.50
<b>HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT</b>	\$57,996.21

This Public Hearing will be immediately followed by the regular monthly board meeting.

Dated: October 13, 2022

Heather Kish  
 Heather L. Kish, Stockholm Town Clerk  
 By Order of the Stockholm Town Board

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**Legal notice:**  
**St. Lawrence County Early voting hours are listed as follows:**  
 Notice is hereby given for the dates, hours, and polling place locations to be used for EARLY VOTING in St. Lawrence County prior to the November 8, 2022 General Election.  
 TWO Early Voting Locations are available for all registered voters in St. Lawrence County. All early voting sites comply with all Americans with Disabilities Act requirements:  
**1. Clarkson Facilities Building- 42 Maple St. Potsdam, (next to Kinney Drugs on Maple Street Potsdam)**  
**2. Dobisky Center- 100 Riverside Ave. Ogdensburg**  
 Given under our hands and seal of the

Board of Elections of St. Lawrence County  
 Canton, NY 10/14/2022.  
 Jennie H. Bacon  
 Thomas A. Nichols  
 Commissioners of Elections

**Early Voting Hours & Dates GE 2022**  
**SATURDAY 10/29/2022 9AM-5PM**  
**SUNDAY 10/30/2022 9AM-5PM**  
**MONDAY 10/31/2022 9AM-5PM**  
**TUESDAY 11/1/2022 9AM-8PM**  
**WEDNESDAY 11/2/2022 9AM-5PM**  
**THURSDAY 11/3/2022 9AM-8PM**  
**FRIDAY 11/4/2022 9AM-5PM**  
**SATURDAY 11/5/2022 9AM-5PM**  
**SUNDAY 11/6/2022 9AM-5PM**

**LEGAL NOTICE** - Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 4-120 of the New York State Election Law, that the following polling places will be used in the City of Ogdensburg for the General Election to be held **11/08/2022**

**Election Districts:**  
**ED 1,2,3 Report to the Dobisky Community Center** 100 Riverside Ave Ogdensburg NY

**ED 4,5,6 Report to the Ogdensburg Fire Station:** 700 Ford St. Ogdensburg, NY

All districts comply with all Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. All Polling places will be open from 6 AM - 9 PM.

Given under our hands and seal of the Board of Elections of St. Lawrence County, Canton, New York, Oct. 14, 2022.  
 Jennie H. Bacon  
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 Commissioners of Elections

# Grants for St. Lawrence County fire departments

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is now accepting applications for nearly \$640,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance grant funding to help

rural fire departments protect public safety and natural resources. The deadline for applications is Nov. 15. "DEC's Forest Rangers work

closely with volunteer fire departments to battle wildfires, and this grant program is a great way to help fire personnel across the state," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "These grants bolster local capacity to fight wildland fires, protecting property and communities."

The Volunteer Fire Assistance grant program is funded by the U.S. Forest Service and administered by DEC Forest Rangers. Fire departments will receive 50/50 matching funds up to \$1,500.

Last year, the program provided \$1,500 grants to 412 fire departments.

Only expenses directly related to wildfire suppression efforts are eligible for funding. These include the purchase of portable pumps, portable backpack pumps, hand tools, hoses, approved lightweight fire-resistant clothing, hard hats, turnout gear, portable radios, generators, and dry hydrants. Expenditures not directly related to firefighting, such as search and rescue, acquisition of land, construction of buildings and facilities, major apparatus purchases, and maintenance items are not eligible for funding.

Eligible fire departments include: those that serve a single town with a population under 10,000; those that serve multiple communities, one of which is a rural town of less than 10,000 residents; and fire departments in towns with a population of 10,000 or more that meet the application requirements. Fire departments that receive a grant award must complete all required grant paperwork.

For applications and additional information about the grant program, contact DEC at (518) 402-8839; write to NYSDEC, Division of Forest Protection, 625 Broadway 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12233-2560; or visit the DEC website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2364.html>.

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**

St. Lawrence County applying for FTA Formula Grants for Rural Area Program (Section 5311) to provide public transportation service

Public notice is hereby made that St. Lawrence County is applying for federal financial assistance to provide public transportation service in St. Lawrence County. These services include: Fixed-route bus service; First Mile Last Mile to connect bus passengers to and from the nearest bus stop; and mobility management to help improve transportation options in the county. Public notice is further made that St. Lawrence County will apply for federal financial assistance to purchase six, 16-passenger buses that will be used for its fixed-route bus service.

The County's SUNY Canton, SUNY Potsdam and Clarkson University routes run every day of the week for extended business hours during the academic year. All other routes in the county run Monday thru Friday during extended business hours. Bus operations are either closed or run on limited service during major holidays. A complete list of routes and schedules is available on the County's Public Transit website at: [www.slcnypublictransit.com](http://www.slcnypublictransit.com)

These projects are expected to be financed by FTA Section 5311 Rural Program public transportation funds, with additional funds from State Transportation Operating Assistance (STOA), Supportive Employment Services (SES), and third party contracts for route service and bus advertising. For fiscal years 2021, 2022 and 2023, the total federal share for operating and capital projects to be requested by the County is up to \$4,000,000.

Comments on the proposed application are invited from the general public, private bus and taxi companies, other public transportation providers and human service agencies. Interested parties may comment on the proposal or obtain more details by contacting:

Matilda Larson  
 St. Lawrence County Planning Office  
 48 Court Street  
 Canton, NY 13617  
 Ph: (315) 379-2292  
[mlarson@stlawco.org](mailto:mlarson@stlawco.org)

Human service agencies that receive assistance from other Federal agencies for non-emergency transportation services are encouraged to participate and coordinate with the provider in the planning, design and delivery of transportation services. Agencies may obtain copies of the service description and submit proposals for service coordination. Private bus and taxi operators may request copies of the project service description from the above named person and may submit comments on the service as described.

If you wish to comment on any aspect of the funding proposal; submit a proposal or a request for service coordination; or to request a public hearing on this proposal, you must make your interest known in writing within fifteen calendar days of the date of this publication and provide your comments within fifteen calendar days of your receipt of the project service description. Your requests and/or comments must be forwarded to the above person.

# St. Lawrence County List of Nominations

## November 2, 2022 • General Election

Referendum content as will be seen on the ballot is at the bottom of this notice.  
 \*\* Offices with no candidate listed in the right column have no announced candidates \*\*

Municipality	PARTY	OFFICE	CANDIDATES
Statewide	DEM, WOR	Governor	Kathy C. Hochul
Statewide	REP, CON	Governor	Lee Zeldin
Statewide	DEM, WOR	LT. Governor	Antonio Delgado
Statewide	REP, CON	LT. Governor	Alison Esposito
Statewide	DEM, WOR	Comptroller	Thomas P. DiNapoli
Statewide	REP, CON	Comptroller	Paul Rodriguez
Statewide	DEM, WOR	Attorney General	Letitia A. James
Statewide	REP, CON	Attorney General	Michael Henry
Statewide	DEM, WOR	U.S. Senator	Charles E. Schumer
Statewide	REP, CON	U.S. Senator	Joe Pinion
Statewide	BLK	U.S. Senator	Diane Sare
Countywide		Justice of the Supreme Court 4th Jud. Dist. (VOTE for ANY THREE)	
Countywide	DEM	Justice of the Supreme Court 4th Jud. Dist.	Teneka Frost
Countywide	DEM, CON	Justice of the Supreme Court 4th Jud. Dist.	Robert J. Muller
Countywide	DEM, CON	Justice of the Supreme Court 4th Jud. Dist.	Vincent W. Versaci
Countywide	REP, CON	Justice of the Supreme Court 4th Jud. Dist.	Allison M. McGahay
Countywide	REP	Justice of the Supreme Court 4th Jud. Dist.	Richard A. Kupferman
Countywide	REP	Justice of the Supreme Court 4th Jud. Dist.	Chris Obstarczyk
Countywide	DEM, BLK	Representative in Congress Dist. 21	Matt Castelli
Countywide	REP, CON	Representative in Congress Dist. 21	Elise M. Stefanik
Countywide	DEM	State Senate -45TH Dist.	Jean A. Lapper
Countywide	REP, CON	State Senate -45TH	Daniel G. Stec
Countywide	REP, CON	State Senate -49TH	Mark C. Walczyk
Countywide	REP	State Assembly -116TH	Scott A. Gray
Countywide	CON	State Assembly -116TH	Susan M. Duffy
Countywide	REP, CON	State Assembly - 117TH	Kenneth Blankenbush
Countywide	DEM, CON/BLK	Surrogate's Court Judge	Michelle Holmes Ladouceur
Countywide	REP	Surrogate's Court Judge	Nick Pignone
Countywide		Coroner (VOTE for any TWO)	
Countywide	DEM	Coroner	James M. Sienkiewicz
Countywide	REP	Coroner	Steven M. Cary
County Legislator Dist. 1	REP, CON	County Legislator Dist. 1	James E. Reagen
County Legislator Dist. 2	REP	County Legislator Dist. 2	David W. Forsythe
County Legislator Dist. 3	REP	County Legislator Dist. 3	Joseph Lightfoot
County Legislator Dist. 4	REP	County Legislator Dist. 4	William Sheridan
County Legislator Dist. 5	REP	County Legislator Dist. 5	Harry A. Smithers II
County Legislator Dist. 6	REP, CON	County Legislator Dist. 6	Larry D. Denesha
County Legislator Dist. 7	REP, CON	County Legislator Dist. 7	Rick Perkins
County Legislator Dist. 8	DEM	County Legislator Dist. 8	Stephanie Petkovsek
County Legislator Dist. 8	REP, CON	County Legislator Dist. 8	Benjamin E. Hull
County Legislator Dist. 9	DEM	County Legislator Dist. 9	Daniel G. Fay
County Legislator Dist. 10	DEM	County Legislator Dist. 10	Margaret Garner Haggard
County Legislator Dist. 11	DEM, BLK	County Legislator Dist. 11	Timothy A. Vollmer
County Legislator Dist. 11	REP, CON	County Legislator Dist. 11	Glenn Webster
County Legislator Dist. 12	DEM, REP, CON	County Legislator Dist. 12	John H. Burke
County Legislator Dist. 13	REP	County Legislator Dist. 13	John Gennett
County Legislator Dist. 13	BLK	County Legislator Dist. 13	Lynne Durant
County Legislator Dist. 14	DEM	County Legislator Dist. 14	Nicole A. Terminelli
County Legislator Dist. 14	REP, BLK	County Legislator Dist. 14	David Broadbent
County Legislator Dist. 15	DEM	County Legislator Dist. 15	Janet Otto-Cassada
County Legislator Dist. 15	REP, CON	County Legislator Dist. 15	Rita E. Curran
Colton	BLK	Town Justice	William (Bill) Reed
Colton	DEM, BLK	Council Member(1 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Peggy L. Mousaw
Colton	REP	Council Member (1 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Lisa Fisher
DeKalb	DEM	Town Justice	Howard Putney
Edwards	REP	Council Member (1 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Jan C. Lennox
Fine	BLK	Town Justice	Julie LaTray
Fine	DEM	Council Member (1 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Samuel Bryant
Fine	REP	Council Member (1 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Benjamin Wood
Fowler	REP	Assessor (3 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Robert P. Theriault
Fowler		Assessor (1 Yr. Unexp. Term)	
Gouverneur	DEM, REP	Council Member (3 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Lory A. Whitton
Hermon	REP	Supervisor (1 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Arthur W. Baker
Hopkinton	REP	Town Justice	Stephen J. Bory
Lawrence	REP	Town Justice	Missie Hastings-LaVigne
Lawrence	REP	Council Member (3 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Richard H. Labier, Jr.
Louisville	DEM	Town Justice	Jeffrey A. Reynolds
Madrid	DEM	Supervisor (3 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Anthony A. Cooper
Madrid	BLK	Supervisor (3 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Philip Lloyd Paige
Madrid		Town Justice	
Massena		Council Member (1 Yr. Unexp. Term) (Vote for TWO)	
Massena	DEM	Council Member (1 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Francis Carvel
Massena	REP	Council Member (1 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Debra Willer
Massena	BLK	Council Member (1 Yr. Unexp. Term)	John Roder
Norfolk	DEM, BLK	Town Justice	Jill Breit
Norfolk	REP, CON	Town Justice	Derek Stevenson
Pierrepont	REP, CON	Town Clerk (1 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Julian "Olla" Filiatrault
Pitcairn		Town Justice	
Potsdam	DEM	Town Justice	David Haggard
Potsdam	REP, CON	Town Justice	Kenneth "Juddy" Plumb
Rossie	DEM	Council Member (1 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Mollie M. Jenne Phalen
Waddington	DEM	Town Justice	Kevin J. Clark
Village of Gouverneur		Village Trustee (Vote for ANY TWO)	
Village of Gouverneur	DEM, REP/BLK	Village Trustee	Charles Newvine
Village of Gouverneur	DEM, BLK	Village Trustee	Russ Currier, Jr.
Village of Gouverneur	REP	Village Trustee	Troy Besaw
Village of Gouverneur	BLK	Village Trustee	Russ Currier, Jr.
Village of Gouverneur	DEM, REP/BLK	Village Trustee (1 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Floyd McAdam
Village of Heuvelton		Village Trustee (Vote for ANY TWO)	
Village of Heuvelton	REP	Village Trustee	Carol A. Basford
Village of Heuvelton	REP	Village Trustee	Erie J. Wood "Jack"
Village of Massena	DEM	Mayor	Greg Paquin
Village of Massena		Village Trustee (Vote for ANY TWO)	
Village of Massena	DEM	Village Trustee	Ken McGowan
Village of Massena	DEM	Village Trustee	Christine "Kristie" Winston
Village of Massena		Village Trustee (1 Yr. Unexp. Term)	Chad Simpson
Village of Rensselaer Falls		Village Trustee (Vote for TWO)	
Village of Rensselaer Falls	DEM	Village Trustee	Charles Fifield
Village of Rensselaer Falls	DEM	Village Trustee	Connie McAllister

### Proposals

#### Statewide - Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022

"To address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment, the 'Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022' authorizes the sale of state bonds up to four billion two hundred million dollars to fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency, and clean energy projects. Shall the Environmental Bond Act of 2022 be approved?"

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE**

**Legal Notice**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Massena for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, has been compiled and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in Massena, New York, where it may be inspected by any and all interested persons during regular office hours.  
**FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town Board of the Town of Massena will hold a Public Hearing on Nov. 9, 2022, at 3:00 pm at the Town Hall, and that at such hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against any items therein contained.  
**PURSUANT** to section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:  
**Town Supervisor \$15,500.00**  
**Town Councilmen 4 @ \$6,000 24,000.00**  
**Town Clerk 42,252.00**  
**Town Justice 2 @ \$22,500 45,000.00**  
**PURSUANT** to Section 495, Chapter 258 of Real Property Tax Law, a report of all Exemptions and Payment in Lieu of Taxes will be posted on the Town Clerk bulletin board and will become part of the final budget.  
**By: Massena Town Board**

10/31/2022 Jeannine B. Miller  
Town Clerk

## School board signs off on resource officer

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA — The Massena Central School District will soon have a school resource officer again after the Board of Education signed off on the position Oct. 24.

School officials unanimously approved the position following a public comment period that saw no one speak from the community.

The officer will be provided by the Massena Police Department and is to not exceed \$82,000 annually.

The position will be entirely paid for by the school district, according to officials.

Village trustees had approved the position during the board's Oct. 19 meeting after adding two amendments to clarify language and terms of the deal.

Trustee Francis Carvel was the lone No vote on the resolution after he raised concerns about the potential liability cost of the position. Carvel also cited previous North Country This Week articles that highlighted other districts in the county that have opted to sign contracts with the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office for SROs.

District and village officials had previously attempted to find a retired police officer for the SRO position in Massena, however both were unable to find a part-time officer to fill the role as outlined in the contract, according to Superintendent Pat Brady.

"We had one candidate we thought was going to work, but it didn't end up working out," he told the

board.

Brady said the decision to move forward with a full-time SRO was bolstered by interest from a number of officers who were interested in the position.

Brady informed the board of the two amendments added by the Village Board, including a \$2,000 increase to ensure the district would cover all insurance policies, as well as a clause that stipulates the district pays any potential legacy costs, if the position were to remain for a decade or more.

The legacy expenses would include paying retiree health insurance, among other expenses.

"That's an area that's discussed as possibly negotiable down the road, but it is in the contract that the village board passed last Tuesday. The village would give us the cost each year," Brady said.

District officials also opted to add a 30-day termination notice clause to the annual agreement, which will allow either the village or district to terminate the contract if either party deems it prudent.

"Per our counsel, we also added some language on data privacy because the SRO will come into contact with student information, and we need to have a data privacy policy as an addendum to the agreement," Brady said.

Board members approved the measure unanimously. "I think there's a lot of support in the community for a school resource officer among our staff, an additional resource to support our students and also enhance the safety of our school," Brady said.

## Public hearing for potential food truck regulations

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA — A public hearing is scheduled for Nov. 15 at 5:30 p.m. for village residents to address potential regulations for food trucks and mobile food vendors.

The village board and Code Enforcement Officer Aaron Hardy say the regulations come after state officials began to crack down on the vendors and put in place more stringent Department of Health regulations.

Hardy told the board the mobile food scene has "exploded" in recent years, including locally.

"This is kind of the state's going to force our hand and add it to our code. It's there and we have to do it," Hardy said.

Deputy Mayor Matt LeBire also commented on the new requirements placed upon municipalities, saying the village was prompted to add the regulations to follow state requirements.

Hardy praised Village Administrator Monique Chatland for finding a way to slide the regulations into the code book in a way "so it makes sense."

"I think she's done a really good job finding a location for it. It looks pretty tidy. I think it's basic enough," he said. Though the regulations as written by the state are not perfect, Hardy said, the framework is there for the village to implement effective regulations.

"There's been some issues and they've had to clarify a few things. We can kind of play with it. If we need to add more, we can add more down the road," Hardy said.

Some of the regulations include a requirement to have an operating permit anywhere in the state, as well as a permit issued by a local municipality to sell food.

Food vendors interested in selling food in Massena will be required to apply for a license through the village board. A license will be \$250 per year or \$25 per day.

## Fuel truck explosion injures one man

FOWLER - An explosion blew open the back end of a fuel truck tank at Tripp Fuels LLC at 1461 County Route 22, just off State Route 812, Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Gouverneur Fire was called to the scene at 10:22 a.m. The department reports on their Facebook page that the initial call reported that people were down from the explosion.

The department dispatch requested a general second alarm to release workers for a possible major emergency event. Mutual aid was requested for engines and tankers from

Richville, Edwards and Harrisville Fire departments.

Gouverneur Fire Department's Engine 17 reported on the scene of a fuel truck on fire within five feet of a structure.

Gouverneur Fire Incident command stood down Richville and Harrisville fire department and requested Edwards Fire to set up draft on Little York Road and their tanker respond to the scene.

Crews from the department's Engine 17, TA-6 and ETA-101 provided fire suppression on arrival.

Engine 18 and Rescue 4 were assigned to establish a landing zone for a Life-net 7-10 chopper in the parking lot.

Crews contained the fire to the involved truck and remained on scene until 15:35 to assist the New York State Fire Investigation team.

Other media reports state that one person was injured during the incident and was airlifted from the scene to Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse for treatment.

Investigation into the incident is pending, report State Police.

## Cybersecurity awareness month

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON — October has been proclaimed Cybersecurity Awareness Month in St. Lawrence County.

County legislators approved the proclamation during the full board meeting on Oct. 3.

According to the resolution, Cybersecurity Awareness Month was launched by the National Cyber Security Alliance and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in Oct. 2004.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) co-leads the awareness program, officials say.

The theme for 2022 is "See Yourself in Cyber", which officials say will "help to empower individuals and organizations to own their role in protecting their part of cyberspace."

Officials say Cybersecurity Awareness Month will continue to raise awareness "about the importance of cybersecurity across our nation, ensuring that all Americans have the resources they need to be safer and more secure online."

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- ★ NYS Law Enforcement Officers Union, Council 82
- ★ NYS Fraternal Order of Police



**Early In-Person Voting Oct 29th-Nov 6th**  
**VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8TH**

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

First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

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## LETTERS

### Survey answers were flip flopped

The NCNow Survey in the Oct. 21-27 North Country This Week Potsdam-Canton edition and Oct. 22-28 Massena-Ogdensburg edition inadvertently switched the YES and No survey response in the graphic.

The survey question was "Do you think St. Lawrence County should create a countywide food bank?" The graphic should have indicated 66% No and 28.2% Yes, and 5.7% unsure – not 66% Yes and 28.2% No.

NCTW apologizes for the mistake.

### Massena mayor supports Carvel

Over the last two years I have had the privilege of working alongside Francis Carvel on the Village Board here in Massena. During

this time, Francis has shown to be a true steward of taxpayers' dollars and a champion of the Village residents and their concerns.

His work on the different committees within Village government over the years has been exemplary. He attends all assigned meetings and always has a full report on the functions of the various committees he serves. His knowledge of both the Village and Town infrastructure is an asset to both boards. He also has a keen understanding of our budget and is a great help in maintaining costs within the Village.

Francis and I may not always agree items before the Board, however he is not afraid to have a healthy conversation regarding the issues. You can talk, discuss, argue, and disagree with Francis, and at the end of the day you walk away with a better understanding of the issue, with a friendship that is still intact. That is what is missing

today in politics; the ability to have healthy discussion, in public, without degradation of your colleague.

Francis understands that there will be disagreements, but he also understands disagreements do not need to be personal. Disagreements can actually lead to compromise and decisions that are best for the community.

Losing Francis off of the Village board will hurt for sure, but voting for him and his many years of experience for the Town Board will benefit the greater Massena community. I strongly urge you to vote for Francis Carvel for the Massena Town Board. His experience will be a benefit for all.

Gregory M. Paquin  
Mayor, Village of Massena

### Response to state robbing citizens

This letter is in response to Mr.

Bartlett's letter regarding "NY state stealing citizen's money."

Mr Bartlett does not account for a few things for the recent changes. That includes inflation from the 1990 until now, which he clearly does not mention.

He then mentions the "open border" policy, which is really a racist dog whistle, as a reason for a lot of problems. What he fails to mention is that the right wing screaming about crime has caused right wing governments and legislatures to want an increase in law enforcement through all areas, even though crime is going back down.

Mr Bartlett also fails to mention the loss of tax revenue via tax cuts by his previous right wing government officials, and complains about Route 37 and its issues, not realizing that the upkeep comes from paying taxes. If he had taken economics and civics properly he may know how taxes work to fund the government and the area for upkeep of areas and to provide services.

Unfortunately, Mr. Bartlett shows the ignorance problem in the area and the people stuck in a right wing echo chamber. Maybe Mr. Bartlett should ditch the dog whistle and reread his 12th grade social studies textbooks.

Jeffry Wilson  
Massena

### Not impress with Gray; voting Duffy

I am writing this letter in support of Susan Duffy. I just finished reading the article in North Country Now. I was not impress with Mr. Gray at all. I am therefore giving my whole support to Susan Duffy.

People before you make a decision on who to vote for the 116th Assembly, you should read the article in North Country Now. It will totally open your eyes.

Ms. Duffy has a plan for everything concerned. She is standing up for everyone, she is putting the government in their place, she is right that the government should get out of the way.

They have not done anything for the people but lie to them, cheat them, use them. Ms. Duffy, as I said, has a plan and is willing to listen to the people and what they need, want, and what they have to say, think, feel, whereas, Mr. Gray, doesn't have a plan for nothing.

He is leaving everything up to someone else. It is like he is only in this race for the almighty buck. He doesn't sound to me that he is in this to work, or for the people.

I am asking everyone who cares about the North Country to give your vote to Susan Duffy. She is the best and the only choice.

We need her in office. She is our best bet to get anything done for the people by the people. She believes the people are the power, which we are.

The reason anyone gets into office, it is our vote that puts them there. We should be heard. Vote Susan Duffy and get our voices heard.

Valerie Shaver  
Ogdensburg

### Vote Haggard Potsdam Town Justice

I write today to urge all voters in the Town of Potsdam to vote on November 8th and to keep Dave Haggard as Potsdam Town Justice. As a former resident of Norwood and the Town of Potsdam for twenty years and as a former Potsdam Town councilman and Village of Norwood Trustee, I know David both professionally and personally.

In addition to the need for knowledge of the law and high ethical standards, a Town Judge must also be the fiscal manager of the Town Court. In a busy court such as Potsdam, it is important that the judge also possess management and organizational skills to properly and efficiently run the Town Court.

David's vast experience as a trial lawyer, sitting judge, and manager make him the best candidate to continue as Town Justice.

While other elected positions can rely on group discussion and decision making, a judge must often make decisions independent of others, and a keen knowledge of the law is crucial, especially in a busy court like Potsdam.

I am confident that Dave will administer the law without bias as he has done since his appointment.

Mike Zagrobelny  
Waddington

### Vote Ladouceur Surrogate Court Judge

It is my pleasure to support Michelle Ladouceur to remain in her position as St. Lawrence County's Surrogate's Court Judge.

My family has shared a long standing friendship with the Ladouceur's for many decades, and I have a deep respect and admiration for Michelle and her family.

Michelle is honest, hardworking, and dedicated to serving the people of St. Lawrence County, and she has proven herself to be a strong, yet fair judge.

On Tuesday, November 8th, I urge you to vote for Michelle Ladouceur to remain as St. Lawrence County Surrogate's Court Judge.

Rhonda Roethel  
Ogdensburg

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**LETTERS**

**Firefighters' union blasts Skelly, Jellie**

To the People of Ogdensburg, I write today following what is the latest step by Mayor Jeffrey Skelly, and his agent Stephen Jellie, to circumvent a six-year contract – with the Ogdensburg Professional Firefighters (IAFF - Local 1799) – that was negotiated and approved in 2019 – and its terms implemented 2020.

The city in its most recent action to deny hazard pay – continues to pursue illegal actions, conduct outrageous maneuvers, and abuse the time-limited authority – granted by the community.

The Mayor and Mr. Jellie – have once again concocted a scheme to punish those with whom they disagree. In reality, this is little more than a veiled and vindictive political effort designed to unfairly punish those who have selflessly served it.

The notion of providing hazard pay is a long-standing commitment – by city officials to Ogdensburg's firefighters -- and an acknowledgement of the risk firefighters face each day.

It is also revealing that Mr. Jellie, on the eve of his departure from Ogdensburg – has elected to take an action not based on merit – but rather revenge.

And, as a result, the community will be forced to pay for unnecessary legal fees and court determined awards – stemming from this juvenile behavior.

And, while Jellie may be soon gone from the North Country, the people of Ogdensburg have reached the conclusion that the current Mayor and those who surround him are not capable of responsibly managing its affairs.

Mayor Skelly is once again grasping at straws. His efforts may bring him momentary amusement but will only further strengthen the resolve of those whom they attack.

Sam Fresina  
President  
New York State Professional  
Fire Fighters Association

**Retired judge backs Ladouceur for Surrogate**

Michelle Ladouceur is currently serving as St. Lawrence County's Surrogate Judge.

Having known and observed Judge Ladouceur for over 15 years, I believe she is more than well qualified to fulfill the duties of that important position. I know Judge Ladouceur has been mentored by two well known and respected attorneys during the period she worked with them. She has also worked as Principal Court Attorney in Surrogate Court for over seven years.

I believe she has the qualities of integrity, diligence and resourcefulness required for the job.

Being as qualified as she is and having the respect for the execution of law - to be fair and impartial - I strongly recommend her for Surrogate Court Judge and encourage voters to do so as well.

Eugene L. Nicandri  
Retired St. Lawrence  
County Court Judge  
Massena

**Curran likes to help people**

I've had the pleasure to sit down and talk with Legislator Rita Curran about why she wants to be re-elected as county legislator, her answer was the plain simple truth "I like to help people."

My conversation with her didn't last only minutes but an hour or so. I've seen first hand what she has done in the past from volunteering at local events such as the Bassmasters Elite series in Waddington. She has parked cars in the heat and rain because she thought it needed to be done.

The Major League Fishing events in Massena. She has helped many north country people without recognition.

I've seen her public display of help on many numerous occasions.

I encourage all residents of District 15 to vote for her in November. She has a love and devotion for all north country residents. She also visits many businesses in the area.

If you'd like a visit with Rita I'm sure she'll love the opportunity to sit down with you and discuss any issues you have. As a health care worker in the north country many of you have seen her.

My vote for District 15 legislator will be Rita Curran.

Michael Kenny  
Waddington

**Running as write in for town justice**

As some of you may be aware, the Town of Waddington judge

resigned her position in July. The position is now on the ballot for this November's election, with only 1 option listed.

Due to the timing of this resignation, interested candidates were unable to petition to be placed on the ballot.

The only name allowed on the ballot is the name put forth by the judge's vacancy committee.

I am a member of the Republican Party, which I believe is the reason why the committee refused to consider me for the position. I strongly believe that politics

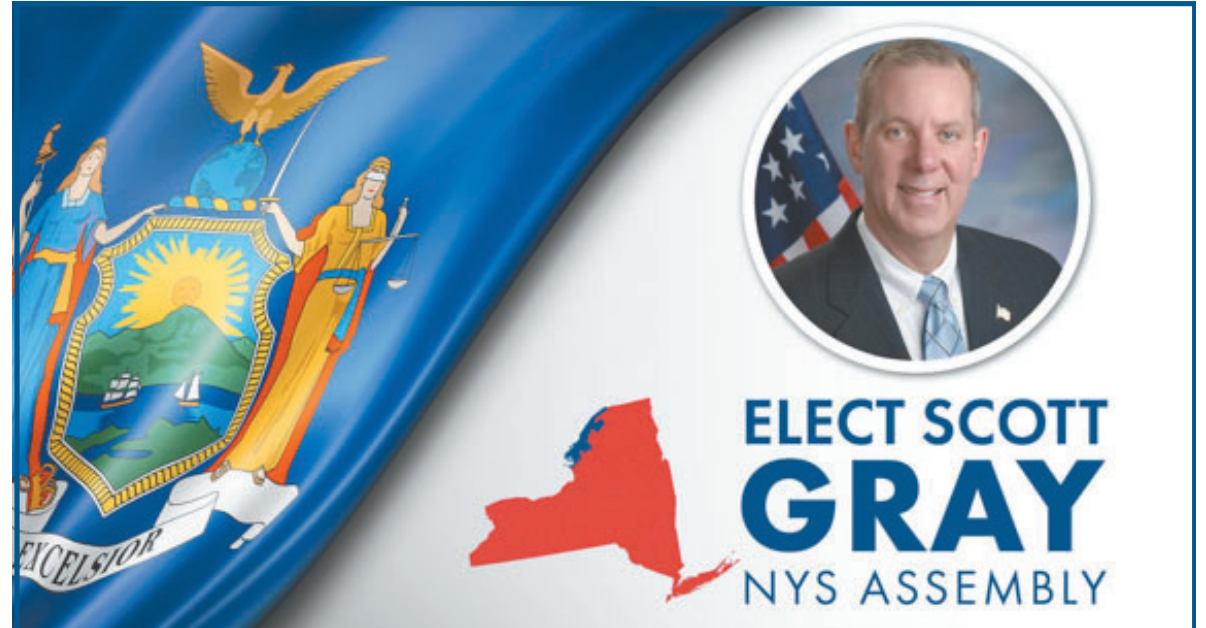
should not come into play for a position as important as that of Town Justice.

As a result, I am running as a "Write In" candidate to ensure the voters will have a choice as to who will serve as Waddington Town Justice.

If elected, I make one promise: I will do the best I can to be as fair and equitable as possible and do the best job

I can for the citizens of the Town of Waddington.

Michael (Mickey) Miller  
Waddington



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# Unwanted October Accents - the Asian lady beetle or ladybug

BY PAUL HETZLER  
ISA-Certified Arborist

It is oval-shaped, mostly orange, and a common sight leading up to Halloween. Nope – not a pumpkin. It's Harmonia axyridis, better known as the multicolored Asian lady-beetle or ladybug. This insect, while beneficial to gardens, is no treat when it masses by the hundreds on and in homes each fall.

First brought to North America by the US government in 1916 to control pests on pecan trees and other crops, the black-dotted orange ladybug, darling of small children everywhere, didn't turn into an ogre until the mid-1990s. Apparently,

there is evidence that the current, more problematic, ladybug mob is a newer strain which was accidentally released at the Port of New Orleans around 1993. Whatever their origins, they're in season now along with corn shocks and jack-o'-lanterns.

Ladybugs don't carry disease, damage structures, suck blood or sting, and they eat harmful garden pests. However, they stain, give off a foul odour when disturbed and will even bite one's skin on occasion. It's their sheer numbers, though, swarming an exterior wall, huddling in corners of your pantry, garage, or living room, and coating the insides of picture windows,

that unnerve and irritate so many people.

Managing lady bugs, it turns out, will cut our heating bills. Ladybugs are indoors primarily because they're looking for a warm, rent-free place to spend the winter. The thing is that if a draft can get in a house, so can these characters.

It's important to caulk around windows, vents and where cable and other utilities come through the wall, as well as between the foundation and sill-plate. Ensure that door sweeps and thresholds are tight, and check for cracked seals around garage doors. Install screens on attic vents and inspect all window screens. Careful sealing of the house exterior will pay off tremendously in excluding ladybugs

as well as cluster flies, and you'll likely notice it is easier to heat your home (vinyl siding makes it hard to find and fix entry points; you may have to caulk indoors around window trim, etc.).

If the beetles are already indoors, don't swat or crush them or they'll release a smelly, staining defensive fluid. For a variety of reasons including the ladybugs' habit of seeking inaccessible areas, indoor pesticide use is strongly discouraged. Instead, use a broom and dustpan, vacuum cleaner or shop-vac.

A knee-high nylon stocking inserted into the vacuum wand and secured tightly with rubber bands or duct tape makes a reusable "mini-bag." Empty it into soapy

water as soon as the vacuum is turned off. From experience, I can say this makes a big difference in just two days. Black-light traps are also suggested; find instructions at: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/pr/2001/010130.htm>

This fall, I think researchers should decorate giant pumpkins to look like massive multicolored Asian lady-beetles in hopes of frightening the actual pests away. So, if you see a 100-pound ladybug this Halloween, it could be a pumpkin decoy – or a dangerously large mutant bug. Either way, don't swat it.

*Paul Hetzler is a former Cornell Cooperative Extension educator. He never swats bugs weighing more than he does.*

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## LETTERS

### Curran described as commonsense advocate

I am writing this letter in support of Rita Curran for County Legislator District 15. I have known Rita for going on a decade now and sup-

port her position as a commonsense advocate willing to truly understand the circumstances by and for the good of the people.

As Director for a non-profit, serving the homeless and individuals with mental health and addiction issues, I invited Rita in to speak to our population and she willingly responded, visiting our facilities sharing her years of expertise with the folks we served prior to the COVID crisis and during the initial stages. She was well received and related seamlessly with our residents. Her time was well spent with the folks under our care, as well as our staff, and highly appreciated.

Currently, as the manager of a facility owned by an electric energy producer for NY State, Rita took time to visit one of our power generation facilities to educate herself on the energy production process, the management of the NY State power grid, and the operations concerns of a fossil fuel generating power plant. Her new understanding shows her willingness to educate herself on matters of interest to her constituents and her desire to represent them intelligently.

I know Rita to be a down to earth individual who believes in lawful law enforcement and helped gather support and participation in the Back the Blue parade in Waddington. She is also staunch advocate for our active military and our veterans.

If it makes sense, it's Rita you want ... vote for Rita Curran November 8.

John Mikolay  
Director/Regional  
Asset Manager  
Waddington

### Conservative Party chair endorses Ladouceur

Earlier this year, the Conservative Party Executive Committee interviewed both candidates running for St. Lawrence County Surrogate's Court Judge. We are the only party that vetted both candidates before making an endorse-

ment. We unanimously endorsed Michelle Holmes Ladouceur because of her broad experience, knowledge of Surrogate's Court, character and integrity. She went on to win the Conservative Party primary in June with 71% of the vote, and will be representing the Conservative Party on the ballot in the upcoming general election.

I have said many times that the Conservative Party is not the rubber stamp of the Republican Party, especially in a judicial race where qualifications, not party registration matters.

Michelle's experience and reputation as a smart, hard-working, common sense attorney have earned her bipartisan support from many local former and current elected officials. She's been endorsed by multiple former St. Lawrence County judges, who know first-hand the quality of her work. She has enormous support from her colleagues.

Take a look around the county at the number of people who have Michelle's lawn sign in their yard.

Michelle is also our current Surrogate Judge. Her appointment to fill the vacancy pending the election was confirmed by a unanimous, bipartisan 63-0 vote of the NYS Senate. Over the last five months, Michelle has been doing the job of Surrogate Judge for the benefit of the people of St. Lawrence County. If elected, I know she will continue to do an excellent job.

Candidates like Michelle's don't come along very often. She has an impressive resume; she's a St. Lawrence County native, and she has served the public in this County for more than two decades as both an attorney and judge. We cannot miss the opportunity to keep her on the bench in Surrogate's Court.

Michelle Ladouceur has my full support and vote for Surrogate's Court Judge. I encouraged everyone to vote for Michelle on the Conservative line in the upcoming election.

Henry "Hank" Ford  
Chairman of the St. Lawrence  
County Conservative Party



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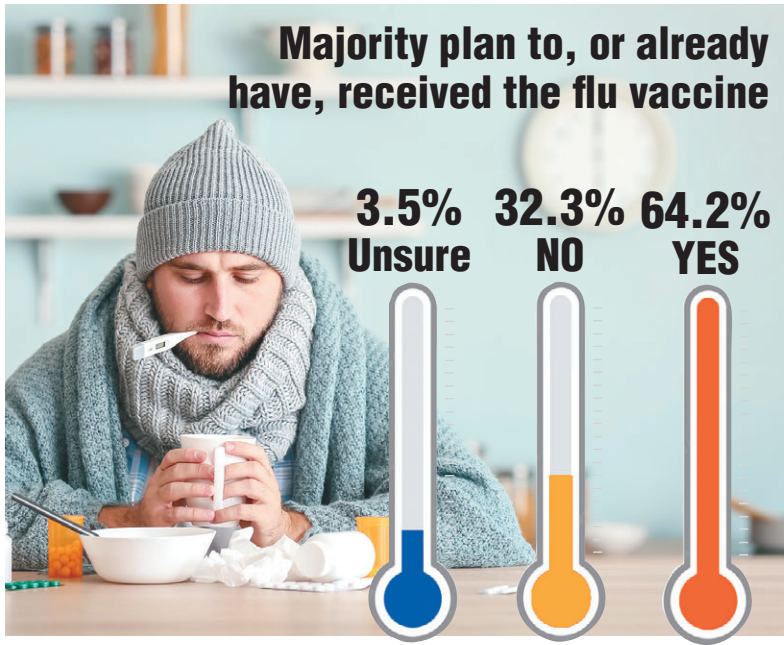
In WWII the Nazi Propaganda Chief, Goebbels, stated that if a lie was big enough and repeated often enough people would believe it. Even though Trump admitted to his staff and advisers that he had lost the 2020 election he persists to this day to lie that it was stolen.

Stefanik repeats his lies because she does not care what is best for the country but what is best for her. Show her you do not support the lies. Do not vote for her.

David Bolesh  
Lisbon



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The Question:  
**Do you plan to get the flu vaccine this year?**

**THE 2022 FLU SEASON** is underway and state public health officials report that as of Oct. 1 there were nearly four times more infections than the same period last year. There were 600 confirmed flu cases as of Oct. 1. Health officials say the flu season has started early and has potential to be severe. Officials say seniors, young children, pregnant women, and people with chronic health conditions that put them at higher risk for serious complications from flu should get their flu vaccine shot as soon as possible. Do you plan to get the flu vaccine this year?

**HERE ARE COMMENTS** from some survey participants:

“Unlike the untested covid vaccine, the flu shot has been around and has received the proper testing, clinical trials, and approval. This I will happily take and without a mandate from Albany or Washington.”

“No, definitely not. I never needed the flu shot. No covid shot and no flu shot. I’d rather get sick and get the antibodies. Stop being so afraid of everything and doing everything the government and media tells you to do.”

“Sure, one would be a fool not to.”

“Never had a flu vaccine and don’t plan on it. For me, natural immunity through survival of infection is best.”

“Have gotten flu vaccination from

start. I get it every year and feel that it not only helps with the flu but seems to help prevent the common cold as well.”

“I once thought that I would just skip it, but then I caught the flu. I spent a miserable 5 days and have gotten the vaccine every year since. I don’t ever want to have the flu again, it was terrible. I haven’t caught it since.”

“Haven’t had a flu shot in over 25 years.”

“Poor health choices and eating processed foods are all contributing factors to poor immune systems. This is driving illness. Health is an individual responsibility.”

“We already got the flu vaccine, a couple weeks before going to a wedding. We get the flu shot every year and so far it has worked for us. I just wish this area had better COVID vaccination rates.”

Never had a flu shot but did get 3 Covid shots. Not sure what I’m going to do.

**TO READ MORE COMMENTS**, visit [NorthCountryNow.com/ncnow-survey](https://NorthCountryNow.com/ncnow-survey).

**TO TAKE THE CURRENT SURVEY**, visit <https://bit.ly/3f1apfo>.

**THIS WEEK’S QUESTION:** What, if anything, do you plan to do this year to celebrate Halloween in St. Lawrence County?

**LETTERS**

**Maga people or not? Just get out and vote**

Who are the Make America Great Again (Maga) people that we keep hearing about? It may surprise some, but I believe they are not just Republicans, but also Democrats, Conservatives, and unaffiliated voters. They are people who:

Are tired of unsafe streets, parks, subways, buses and trains. They do not want to be car-jacked or followed home and robbed. They do not want to see criminals arrested and then back out on the street a few hours later.

Believe that policing is an honorable profession that should be supported by our politicians and not vilified because of a few bad apples. Are alarmed that only 35% of United States 4th graders can read at the 4th grade level.

Believe when someone borrows money to attend a college or university, they are responsible to repay that debt.

Want a cohesive, well-trained military whose sole mission is to protect the U.S. and U.S. interests. They are ashamed of the chaotic U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and the unnecessary death of 13 service members and over 100 innocent Afghans.

Believe that U.S. energy independence is necessary for U.S. economic and national security health. They believe that green energy may be a goal to work toward but it must be done slowly, thoughtfully, and economically.

Believe our country’s borders should be secure. Our unsecured borders have exacerbated the drug problem in this country. While too few border agents are chasing illegal aliens coming across the U.S. border, the drug cartels are flooding our country with drugs.

Want to bring manufacturing back to this country. They do not want to be dependent on China for our pharmaceuticals or rare earth minerals that are used to manufacture mobile phones, computers, digital networks, optical fiber cables and electric vehicle batteries.

Want to bring back a strong economy where paychecks grow faster than the rate of inflation.

Believe one should be judged by

the content of their character and not by the color of their skin or their social-economic status.

The November 8 general election is just around the corner. Whether you agree or disagree with the MAGNA principles above, it is important that you Vote.

Nancy Foster  
Louisville

**SeaComm notes Credit Union Day**

October 20th is International Credit Union Day. The theme this year is pertinent to us as it is what our mission has been all about since the very beginning – Empower Your Financial Future with a Credit Union. This one day affords us an opportunity to be thankful to our movement and a celebration of the unique differences and impacts SeaComm and other financial cooperatives have made and continues to make for our members and the communities in which we do business.

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Exceptional member service and democratic control are just some of the many benefits of being a credit union or cooperative member. That’s as true at SeaComm as it is in other cooperatively-owned financial institutions from Brazil to Zimbabwe. Credit unions and other financial cooperatives are founded on community service, a principle that has set them apart for more than 160 years. At SeaComm, it all started with a tool box (which is iconic for us today and can be seen in the lobbies of all our branches), \$50 and a shared vision of the ten Chevrolet Foundry workers, who each wanted to improve the financial lives of not only themselves, but those they worked with. That vision is no less important today than it was back on June 6, 1963.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, management and our entire staff, we look forward to carrying on this rich history of improving the financial lives of our members and continuing the journey that was started by those ten men of People Helping People attain their dreams.

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Scott A. Wilson  
President & Chief Executive Officer

**Vote to Keep Judge Michelle Holmes Ladouceur**



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**About Judge Ladouceur**

- Current Surrogate’s Court Judge
- 7.5 years as Principal Court Attorney for Surrogate’s Court
- 14.5 years in private practice as a partner at Cappello Linden & Ladouceur
- Extensively litigated in Supreme, Surrogate’s and Family Courts
- Taught Wills, Trusts & Estates Administration at SUNY Canton for 5 years
- Born and raised in Madrid and graduate of MWCS & SUNY Potsdam
- Graduated 1st in her class from Albany Law

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## 'The Highwaymen Show' Saturday at Ogdensburg Free Academy

OGDENSBURG – Tickets are selling briskly for “The Highwaymen Show,” at George Hall Auditorium on Oct. 29, according to Ogdensburg Command Performances Administrator Sally F. Palao.

The 4 p.m. performance is described as a “rousing tribute” to country music legends Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings and Kris Kristofferson

“We knew this show would be

popular here in the north country, which is why we chose it to open our 60th anniversary season,” said Mrs. Palao. “Our ticket sales are strong, and I’d encourage anyone interested in seeing this outstanding performance to book their seats as soon as possible.”

Tickets for OCP performances range from \$19 to \$43 by calling 315-393-2625 or emailing ocp@ogdensburgk12.org

The Highwaymen Show is a tribute show that has received rave reviews across the country, according to Mrs. Palao.

“I won’t be surprised at all if the Oct. 29, 4 p.m. showing of “The Highwaymen” sells out,” she said. “People really should buy their tickets now.”

The upcoming Ogdensburg performance is the brainchild of Alabama native, Gray Sartin, who first stepped on stage at the age of five and has been professionally performing for 21 years.

In 2011, he created a Johnny Cash tribute that was so successful it mounted a nationwide tour, and a few years later he expanded the show by including a tribute to Waylon Jennings. He then started producing other multi-tribute shows including George Jones, Merle Haggard, Linda Ronstadt, Hank Williams Jr., Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson.

Mrs. Palao says the original artists came up with the concept for their own super group in 1984, when Johnny Cash invited Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings and Kris Kristofferson to play on his Christmas special being filmed in Switzerland. She said the professional encounter spawned one of the most iconic country groups ever.

Gray Sartin’s “The Highwaymen Show” is made up of musicians that he has worked with for decades, according to Mrs. Palao. Since its inception, she said the tribute group has toured all over North America. The group features Gray Sartin as Johnny Cash, North Carolina native, Greg Bauman as Kris Kristofferson, Georgia native Tyson Halford as Willie Nelson and Tennessee native, Stefan Superti as Waylon Jennings.

The Oct. 29 performance in Ogdensburg at OFA includes all their greatest hits including their

signature hit, Highwayman as well as Mama Don’t Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys, Always On My Mind, and Me & Bobby McGee, according to Mrs. Palao.

The Oct. 29 country music performance is the first in a total of six shows in the upcoming 2022-23 lineup, which OCP officials are touting as “A Season for Everyone,” to celebrate the organization’s 60th anniversary.

Other shows expected to be crowd pleasers during the upcoming season include a new adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic “A Christmas Carol” on Dec. 15 at 6:45 p.m., and a performance of the Aretha Franklin tribute “R.E.S.P.E.C.T.” on March 10 at 7:45 p.m., according to Mrs. Palao.

Rounding out the 2022-23 season from there will be “Beauty and the Beast on Ice” March 22 at 6:45 p.m., “The Fire of Georgia” April 4 at 7:45 p.m., and “Menopause: The Musical” May 17, also at 7:45 p.m.

Here is a more detailed synopsis of the shows included in OCP’s 2022-23 season. All shows take place in the George Hall Auditorium - Ogdensburg Free Academy.

- Highwaymen Show – Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022 | 4 p.m.

An incredible tribute to the Outlaws of Country Music: Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, and Kris Kristofferson. Lovers of “Classic Country” don’t miss this trip down memory lane with the unforgettable hits of these iconic superstars: Mama Don’t Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys, Always On My Mind, Me & Bobby McGee and many more.

- A Christmas Carol – Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022 | 6:45 p.m.

Charles Dickens powerful story has enchanted audiences the world over with its timeless message of redemption. This new adaptation includes beloved traditional car-

ols woven throughout this classic tale that fills the stage with lush costumes, stunning sets, haunting effects, and humor.

- R.E.S.P.E.C.T – Friday, March 10, 2023 | 7:45 p.m. R.E.S.P.E.C.T is Aretha Franklin. You will laugh, cry, and rejoice as we journey through the artist’s life - her loves, tragedies, and triumphs. In this immersive show experience, there will not only be songs from the timeless Aretha songbook, but also showcase a woman who tirelessly fought inequality and injustice.

- Beauty & The Beast On Ice – Wednesday, March 22, 2023 | 6:45 p.m. This original fairy tale is spun with upbeat, modern music, theatrical story lines, and out of this world special effects, all on the stage in George Hall Auditorium. Happiness is founded in virtue...Honesty is always best. Expect to see world champion ice skaters, cirque performers, and live singers bring this beloved tale to life.

- Fire of Georgia – Tuesday, April 4, 2023 | 7:45 p.m.

The Royal National Ballet Company of Georgia will tour the USA for the first time after performing throughout the world. Capturing the rich & diverse culture of the Democratic Republic of Georgia, with several hundred magnificent costume changes, the dancers slide as if on wheels in some of the most exciting routines to ever appear on the stage.

- Menopause: The Musical – Wednesday, May 17, 2023 | 7:45 p.m.

Four women at a lingerie sale have nothing in common but a black lace bra, memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, or too much sex! This hilarious musical, set to classic tunes from the 60s, 70s, and 80s will have you cheering and dancing in the aisles. Over 20 years on tour worldwide and 17 million fans.

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~ Jean Lapper



Massena Library | Submitted

## Sharing day at Massena Library

A Community Organization Fair was recently held with 29 non-profits representing the areas of art, culture, public service, social services and healthcare at Massena Public Library. Organizations shared their activities and programs with the public and provided attendees with an opportunity to learn about volunteer opportunities.

## Pickens Hall fall concerts

HEUVELTON – Pickens Hall, Heuvelton, has a busy schedule for its fall concert series. Tickets are available for purchase on the events webpage: [www.pickenshall.com/events](http://www.pickenshall.com/events). Tickets can also be purchased at Pickens General Store, and at the door.

- Sat., Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. - Ray Lambiase will perform his unique style of story songs. Admission is \$15.
- Fri., Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. - St. Lawrence University Chorus will perform the Faure Requiem. Admission is by donation
- Sat., Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. - Jam-crackers will present original and traditional music of the Adirondack Mountains, including folk,

blues, ballads, at Pickens Hall. Admission is \$15.

- Fri., Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. - The Laurentian Singers, a select chamber choir of St. Lawrence University students, will perform their 23rd Annual Christmas Concert and Carol Sing. Admission is by donation.
  - Fri., Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. - The House of Hamill, based in Pennsylvania, will perform traditional and original folk music Admission is \$15.
  - Sun., Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. - Barb Heller will perform her Christmas Sing Along. Admission is by donation.
- The historic Pickens Hall is located at 83 State St, Heuvelton.

## Ogdensburg Library offerings

OGDENSBURG -- Several activities are planned at the Ogdensburg Public Library.

Community members are invited to add to the library's gratitude garland display now in its 10th year. Fill out a leaf telling what you are thankful for and check out what other patrons have been thankful for over the ten years, Craft day for making a fall tea candle holder will be Nov. 9 at 4 p.m. An after-school movie day will be held Nov.16 at 4 p.m. The clue to

this month's movie is tic-tac shaped henchmen.

Weekly crafts are available while supplies last and can be taken home. November's crafts are fall trees, winter hats, mittens and melted snowman.

Music and Movement preschool classes for ages 2-5 are held on Tuesdays at 11 a.m., except Nov. 22.

Story-time classes are Thursdays at 11 a.m. for children ages 3-5. The preschool program has stories and activities to socialize and gain literacy skills.

### BRIEFLY

#### Rocktober

MASSENA – The high school music department students will present Rocktober 2022 on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. at New Testament Church, Andrews Street. Tickets cost \$8 at the door. Students will be singing pop and rock hits with a live band. The beverage cafe will be open serving hot and cold coffee and beverages. The Massena Music Friends will also be there selling cookies and snacks.

#### Seniors Halloween dance

MASSENA – The Massena Senior Citizens will be hosting a Halloween dance at the Massena Community Center, 61 Beach St. on Saturday, Oct. 29. The band North Country will play from 5-9 p.m. Cover charge is \$5. There will be three prizes for the best costume. Kitchen will be open from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Anyone 45 and older is welcome.

#### Consider This

OGDENSBURG – The Frederic Remington Art Museum is hosting three "Consider This" programs focused on Frederic Remington's 1907 untitled watercolor depicting a mounted figure in a capote. Museum docent Luanne Herzog will facilitate an on-site only conversation at the Remington Museum on Friday, Nov. 4 at noon. For the hybrid sessions which offer both Zoom and in-person attendance, Museum Curator & Educator Laura Desmond will pair up with Museum docent Anne Skelly on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at noon, and with docent Kathy Crowe on

Wednesday, Nov. 16 at noon. To learn more and to register, call 315-393-2425 or email [info@fredericremington.org](mailto:info@fredericremington.org). Registration will be limited to eight participants.

#### Chicken and biscuits

WADDINGTON – The Waddington United Methodist Church will have its annual Election Day chicken and biscuit dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 8 starting at 4 p.m. Menu consists of chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, gravy, winter squash, green beans, cabbage salad, cranberry sauce and homemade pie. Adults \$12, children under 5 are free. Takeout or eat in.

#### Church bazaar

MASSENA – The St. Peter's Parish annual bazaar will be held at St. Mary's Social Hall, 7 Sycamore St., on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission is free. There will be a \$2500 big money raffle.

#### Election ham

LISBON – A take-out Election Day dinner will be served Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 4 p.m. at the Lisbon United Presbyterian Church, 26 Church St. Orders can be called in at 315-394-8303 starting at 2 p.m. Menu: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, cabbage salad, rolls and brownies. Cost: \$14.

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## New Flotilla members wanted

MASSENA — U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 092-01-01 Massena, an active part of the Coast Guard organization, seeks new auxiliary members to donate their time assisting the Coast Guard in many ways.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the leading volunteer organization in the Department of Homeland Security.

Members wear basically the same uniforms and do many of the same duties as their active-duty counterparts and a great working relationship has developed.

A wide variety of training and

experiences is available to people who would like to volunteer their time and efforts and take a more active role in helping to defend Homeland Security.

Information about the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary can be found on the Auxiliary website (cgaux.org).

Information about the Massena flotilla can be obtained by e-mailing Flotilla Commander Bruce Burditt at usskier@yahoo.com.

The Massena Flotilla wants to remind everyone that they should follow some basic safety tips when near or on the water when the temperature changes and winter weather approaches:

When the temperature falls people who will be on the water or ice should always dress for the water temperature not the air temperature;

Someone who is not with you should know your location and you should have some type of communication device on your person;

Serious consequences could occur if alcohol and drugs are used;

A life jacket should always be worn.

Boating Safety classes and vessel safety checks are also available to the public through the Auxiliary website or by contacting Massena Flotilla Commander Burditt.

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### BRIEFLY

#### Spooktacular

MASSENA - The New York Power Authority will host its Spooktacular Halloween Party at the Frank S. McCullough, Jr. Hawkins Point Visitors Center and Boat Launch at the St. Lawrence-Franklin D. Roosevelt Power Project on Saturday, Oct. 29. Events will include pumpkin painting, games, crafts, movies and trick or treating for all children in costume. The fun is scheduled from 1-3 p.m. Admission is free. During the party, guests will also be able to view the wide array of interactive exhibits at the visitors center on the themes of water power and the St. Lawrence facility, basics of electricity and uses of electricity. Visitors can touch, see and listen to the many interactive exhibits while enjoying the panoramic views of the NYPA power dam. The visitors center is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday to Friday. For more information call 315-764-0226 ext. 302.

#### Self-defense class

LOUISVILLE — The Louisville Neighborhood Watch committee is working with Massena Zen-Do Kai Karate instructors to host an adult self-defense class at the Louisville Fire Station, State Route 37, on

Tuesday, Nov. 29 and Thursday, Dec. 1, from 6-8 p.m. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome. The class is limited to 30 participants. Wear comfortable clothing. There will be personal contact, but participants will not be injured in any way. Instructors will cover the six most common attacks. Call ahead to get registered for the class, as it is first-come-first-served for a spot in the class. Info: Patti (Shirley), 315-842-7912.

#### Bazaar, bake sale

MASSENA — A bazaar and bake sale will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, 41 State Highway 37C on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be a white elephant table, baked goods, crafts and RADA cutlery. Donut or slice of pie with coffee or tea will be available for \$3.

#### Red Cross blood drive

GOUVERNEUR — St. Lawrence Health is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Nov. 11, at the Gouverneur Community Center, 4673 State Highway 58. Hours are 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years of age, and weigh at least 110 lbs. Please consider a Double Red donation if you are O Neg, O Pos, A Neg, or B Neg. Donors

can pre-register using RapidPass ([www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass)). Pre-registration can only be completed the day of the drive prior to arrival. Registration can be made online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), or by contacting 1 (800) RED CROSS. First time donors and walk-ins are welcome. For a list of upcoming blood drives sponsored by St. Lawrence Health, please visit <https://stlawrencehealthsystem.org/about/events>.

#### Cabbage rolls

MASSENA — Massena Meals on Wheels is staging its annual election day cabbage roll fundraiser. Cost is \$4.50 per roll. Pre-orders are strongly suggested by calling 315-769-5083 between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Curbside pick-up will be Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 9-5 p.m. at 70 East Hatfield St.

#### Blood drive in Massena

MASSENA — St. Lawrence Health is sponsoring a blood drive through the Adirondack Regional Blood Center on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the Massena Community Center, 61 Beach St. Walk-ins accepted from 12:15-2:45 p.m. Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years of age, and weigh at least 110 lbs. Advanced registration is not required; however, donors are asked to provide identification. For more information, call CVPH at 518-561-2000 and ask for the Donor Center. For a list of upcoming blood drives sponsored by St. Lawrence Health, visit <https://stlawrencehealthsystem.org/about/events>.

#### Help for Christmas

MASSENA — St. Peter's Outreach Ministry (formerly St. Vincent de Paul Society), 128 Main St., is currently accepting applications for Christmas assistance from residents of the Massena area through Nov. 23. Families will receive food for a holiday meal and staples for their cupboards that will help with groceries for around 5 days through the program. Additionally, children in these families will receive new gifts, clothing, a coat if needed and a book. Call 315-957-9742, Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to set up an appointment to apply for Christmas assistance. Proof of residence, identification, dates of birth and ages for everyone in the household and clothing sizes for children through High School age will be verified at time of application. Applicants may only receive Christmas assistance from one agency. For all other services call 315-769-1200.

#### Christmas applications

MASSENA — The Massena Neighborhood Center, 61 Beach St., is accepting applications from Massena residents for its annual Christmas program. Applications will be accepted until Nov. 23, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the center. Those applying must bring in a proof of address, household income and birthdate for all household members. Info: 315-764-0050.

#### Jamcrackers

Jamcrackers will present original and traditional music of the Adirondack Mountains, including folk, blues, ballads, at Pickens Hall on Saturday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase on the Pickens Hall webpage: [www.pickenshall.com/events](http://www.pickenshall.com/events). Tickets can also be purchased at Pickens General Store, and at the door. Photo courtesy of Pickens Hall

Ngoc Minh Nguyen, MD  
Cardiologist



Ruzaik Ibrahim, MD  
Cardiologist



# Welcome

St. Lawrence Health is pleased to announce board-certified cardiologists Ruzaik Ibrahim, MD, FACC, FASE, and Ngoc Minh Nguyen, MD, have joined St. Lawrence Health's medical team. Dr. Ibrahim and Dr. Nguyen are both located in the Leroy Outpatient Center at 50 Leroy Street, Potsdam. Dr. Ibrahim is also seeing patients at Massena Cardiology, located at 1 Hospital Drive, Massena.

As cardiologists, Dr. Ibrahim and Dr. Nguyen have expertise in all areas of adult cardiology, including coronary artery disease, valvular heart disease, cardiomyopathy, adult congenital heart disease, arrhythmias, and preventative cardiology.

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# NORTH COUNTRY HOME

OCT. 29 - NOV. 4, 2022 | NORTH COUNTRY THIS WEEK | MASSENA-OGDENSBURG, NY



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Gil Oldenburg | Submitted

## Carving for Ukraine

Gil Oldenburg from Oswego submitted this photo of a wood carving he commissioned from Potsdam area carver Terry McKendree. 'I wanted to carve a peace sign out of my stump in my yard and wanted to put a Ukraine flag on it and show people that we are praying for peace in Ukraine. I contacted the best wood carver ever, Terry McKendree from the Potsdam area, and he loved the idea. And as you can see he did a wonderful job. I just wanted to show off his outstanding work and also to have people pray for peace in Ukraine,' Oldenburg said.

## Gifts for homeowners this year

Individuals who were found a new home this year may discover they now have little money to outfit those homes. The following are some home-related gift ideas to get shoppers started.

- Video/smart doorbell: Although the smart doorbell market began with only a handful of options, there's now a bevy of manufacturers who make video and smart home doorbells. These doorbells serve the dual purpose of alerting homeowners to someone at the door, while providing surveillance of the comings and goings outside of the home.

- Household tool kit: What better way to prepare new homeowners for the do-it-yourself projects and household repairs than with a tool kit? Home improvement retailers often package common tools needed in carrying cases or sets, but shoppers can grab separate items they think will be used and group them together into one gift.

- Programmable thermostat: A programmable or learning thermostat will help new homeowners save on their energy bills. Many thermo-

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- Linens: A high thread count sheet set or plush Turkish cotton towels may not be something new homeowners think to get for themselves.

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# Protect landscapes from wildlife and more over the winter

Landscapes are vulnerable to the elements during the cold weather months. Everything from de-icing

products to hungry animals to the weight of snow can affect trees, shrubs and other plants.

Just because certain greenery will go dormant during the winter doesn't mean landscape main-

tenance ends when the mercury dips. Homeowners can take certain actions to winterproof their properties and safeguard landscapes so they recover more readily when spring arrives.

When resources are scarce, animals will be on the hunt for anything that's edible, and that includes whatever greenery is growing on a landscape. Physical barriers in garden beds and around trees can help prevent damage caused by moles, voles and deer. Line the bottom and sides of garden beds with garden cloth to prevent ground-burrowing animals from getting in from beneath, suggests the gardening resource I Must Garden.

Wrapping shrubs in burlap or covering them in temporary netting can deter deer, who will seek accessible food sources over the winter. Erect fencing around new trees to keep deer away from the bark and lower branches.

Make the yard less attractive to deer and burrowers by opting for fat-based suet cakes to feed birds rather than loose seeds and berries in feeders, which herbivores will enjoy. Also, don't overwater or mulch landscapes too early. The loose soil and warmth of the mulch may entice moles and voles and other rodents to stick around in those areas and feed on plants.

Investigate options in snowmelt products, as traditional rock salt

can injure buds and branches and kill lawns. In addition, avoid piling salted snow in one area of the landscape, as it will concentrate the salt in that spot. Spread out snow piles to help minimize the damage to delicate plants.

Harsh winds and battering snow can damage young plants. Use stakes and lattices to secure them so they'll be better able to withstand the weather, suggests Total Landscape Management, a commercial and residential landscaping company.

Promptly remove snow from branches to help trees and shrubs; otherwise, the weight of ice and snow can break off branches and cause irreparable damage.

Erect a snow barrier  
Prior observation tends to educate homeowners about which areas of the landscape are most vulnerable to snow drifts and blustery winds. During the winter, winds often blow in from a northeasterly direction, but each homeowner can make his or her own assessment. Put up a tarp between two stakes to serve as a "snow fence" that protects vulnerable areas of the landscape from blowing snow.

Wrap plants in burlap, garden blankets and plant domes to insulate them from cold weather and some animals. Move container plants into a garage or shielded area for the winter.

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## Basement remodeling tips

Careful consideration of these factors can ensure a basement remodel project is budget-friendly and worthy of investment.

Investment value: Conventional wisdom among home renovation and real estate experts suggests that a basement remodel is best if done to satisfy current inhabitants and not necessarily to appeal to prospective buyers once the home is put up for sale.

Foundation: The foundation of the home must garner ample consideration before beginning a basement remodel. Certain foundation issues, such as soft concrete, cracked or

curved outside walls and cracks in the flooring, are indicative of significant issues with the foundation.

Existing space: Some homeowners may have bought their homes with partially finished basements or even finished areas that they simply want to remodel. In such instances, a pre-remodel inspection from a licensed home inspector can save homeowners lots of money and heartache over the long haul. Partially finished or even aging finished basements might not have been renovated in adherence to codes, which could lead to costly violations down the road.

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Receiving the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce “Business of the Year” award presented by Executive Director Ben Dixon, right, on Wednesday were Kunoco Oil and Kunoco Food Mart owners, from left, Jacquie and Steve Kuno, and Courtney and Ben Burds.

## County Chamber honors Kunoco

BY BILL SHUMWAY  
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Convenience store operator and home heating oil delivery provider Kunoco was honored Wednesday night as “Business of the Year” by the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce.

Founders Steve and Jacquie Kuno were recognized for Kunoco’s “contribution to the growth of the St. Lawrence County community,” chamber board member Michelle Quinnell-Gayle told the more than 200 attending the organization’s annual dinner.

In accepting the award, Steve Kuno noted the firm has “continuously reinvested” and strives to be “be responsive to the needs” of the North Country.

The firm operates convenience stores in Canton, Russell, Colton and Parishville and also provides home heating oil delivery.

In addressing the crowd at The Stables at Windy Point, Kuno noted it has been “a long ride” since the firm was founded in 1990 with one used fuel truck. The firm has grown significantly, employing up to 100 employees over the years.

“We could not have done it without the staff,” he said, adding they are “great, great people that cared.”

He introduced the next generation of leadership at Kunoco, his daughter Courtney and her husband, Ben Burds.

Also recognized at the event were NBT Bank, which received the “Customer Service Excellence Award” and Lionheart Graphics, which was honored with the “Producer of the Year Award.”

NBT operates branches in Potsdam, Canton, Ogdensburg

and Massena, and was cited for extraordinary service and staff who are “very accessible.”

Lionheart, owned by Catherine LaPointe Vollmer, creates travel posters, pastels and other artworks. She was recognized for “creating handmade, locally sourced value-added products,” said chamber board member Kelly Chezum in presenting the award.

Earlier, chamber Executive Director Ben Dixon said the organization has become increasingly busy working to increase and improve the local economy.

The “Invest in St. Lawrence County” initiative is encouraging former residents to relocate or retire back to St. Lawrence County, or to buy or start a business in the area.

Dixon said the chamber is also focusing on “workforce development” in the county because it is a “major issue everybody is facing.”

Going forward, the chamber expects the merger of the Canton, Massena and Ogdensburg chambers into the county chamber will be completed in 2023, he said. By combining resources and talents, the combined, regional chamber will result in “more boots on the ground.”

The mission of the chamber is to “cultivate, develop and support Chamber members and other businesses by creating a vibrant business climate that encourages growth and enhances the unique quality of life in St. Lawrence County.”


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## County Jobless Rate at 3.4%

The unemployment rate in St. Lawrence County currently stands at 3.4%, without seasonal adjustment, 0.9 percent lower than the New York state seasonally adjusted rate.

According to a state Department of Labor report issued this week, the county’s unemployment rate decreased 0.7 percent when comparing Sept. 2021 to Sept. 2022.

The state unemployment rate is 4.3 percent.

In neighboring counties, the unemployment in Jefferson County is 3.2 percent, down 0.7 percent from 3.9 percent in Sept. 2021. Franklin County’s unemployment rate is 3.0 percent, a drop of 0.6 percent from 3.6 percent in Sept. 2021.

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### LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER:

Absentee Ballots begin to be mailed out or be available for in person pickup at County Board of Elections in Canton.

### OCTOBER 14:

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### OCTOBER 24:

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### NOVEMBER 7:

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### NOVEMBER 8 IS ELECTION DAY:

Polls open 6am to 9pm.

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# Massena Town Board focused on computer system upgrades

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA — The Massena Town Board took action on a number of agenda items that will see the town made crucial computer system upgrades.

The move to upgrade the infrastructure is one that is long overdue, officials say.

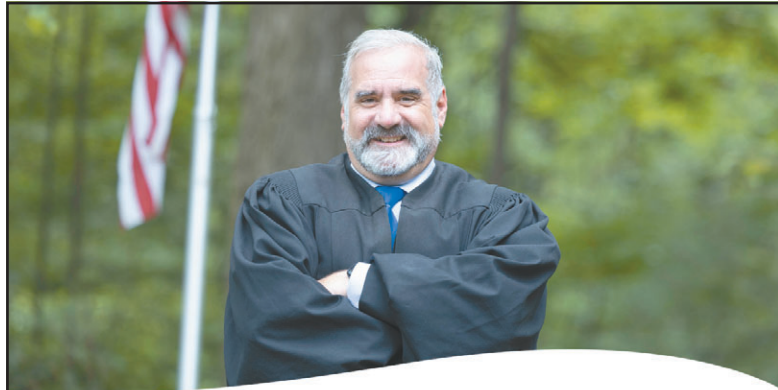
The board approved a computer system upgrade quote from ABS, along with a two-year extended warranty on all systems.

Officials are also poised to upgrade the town's server, approving the measure during the Oct. 19 board meeting.

The final step was approving an IT contract with ABS, who will be responsible for all upgrades and repairs to town government systems.

No specific details were readily available as of press time.

According to Town Supervisor Sue Bellor, ABS was on site last week to assess the existing system and to walk through potential changes with town employees.



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# Three St. Lawrence Health hospitals designated 'Age-Friendly Hospitals'

POTSDAM — The three hospitals that make up St. Lawrence Health were among the 44 New York health-care facilities recently recognized as 2022 Age-Friendly Health Systems by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI).

The Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) made the announcement that includes Canton-Potsdam Hospital, Gouverneur Hospital, and Massena Hospital.

"This achievement is realized through the hard work of St. Lawrence Health Director of Nursing Operations Laura Kiely and her devoted team," stated St. Lawrence Health and Canton-Potsdam Hospital President Donna McGregor.

Four evidence-based elements are used to determine the status of Age-Friendly Health Systems in caring for older adults. The elements are known as the "4Ms": What Matters,

Medication, Mentation, and Mobility. Age-Friendly facilities that implement the 4Ms see improvement in patient experience scores and quality outcomes such as readmissions, emergency department utilization, and length of stay.

Participant teams receive group education through monthly webinars and topical coaching calls, and attend a half-day virtual summit. Teams then perform tests of change to identify which approaches work best in their unique care settings. Under the expert guidance of HANYS and their faculty, teams

then scale and spread 4Ms care across their facility, transforming the care delivered to older adults.

"It is so important that older adults have the opportunity to meaningfully participate in their own care," noted HANYS President Bea Grause, RN, JD. "These health-care providers have fully embraced evidence-based elements of care that have demonstrably improved care for older adults and their loved ones."

Learn more about St. Lawrence Health by visiting <https://stlawrencehealthsystem.org/>.

# SUNY nixes application fees

State University of New York has dropped application fees across all 64 colleges and universities for two weeks through Sunday, Nov. 6—allowing prospective students to apply to up to five campuses completely free of charge. The potential savings add up to \$250 per applicant, removing an early barrier to college access.

To learn more about applying to SUNY, visit [suny.edu/go/](http://suny.edu/go/). Applicants can apply at ApplySUNY or by using the Common App.

Those who use ApplySUNY will automatically have their first five campus applications waived on the

payment page. On the Common App, prospective students must apply campus by campus and select "Yes" to the question: "SUNY is having a free application week. Would you like SUNY to cover your application fee?"

Many New York State families may also qualify for free tuition through New York State's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and/or Excelsior Scholarship. Fifty percent of SUNY's full-time, in-state undergraduate students pay \$0 tuition after receiving financial aid. Students may apply now for financial aid by filling out their FAFSA.



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**DURANT...**

Durant, who was born and raised in the North Country, said she chose to raise her family here and has a "great sense of pride in my community and what it has to offer."

Of the major challenges the county is faced with, Durant said staffing levels at the county level are of major concern. "Emergency Management Services across the county will continue to be an issue as so many of our EMS is done on a volunteer basis," Durant said.

Durant said, if elected, she "would offer greater level of support to our Emergency Management Services."

Durant also calls for St. Lawrence County to continue pushing for further tourism.

"St. Lawrence County needs to work on attracting tourism and economic development. I think that the multi-use trail system is one source of economic development for District 13 and the county," she said.

The multi-use trail system was long championed by current District 13 legislator Tony Arquiett who has opted to not run for another term.

Durant said she would continue to drive for more growth of the trail system if elected.

"I would support and advocate for the growth of the multi-use trail system to provide greater economic development for not only District 13 but the county as well," she said.

Durant's experience is centered around her time as a union representative for the last 20 plus years, which she says has allowed her to develop a varied skill set "such as negotiating, deliberative dialogue, and looking at things from all perspectives."

"I have sat on various committees in my role as a Union representative and have learned to work collaboratively with a variety of people who may have differing opinions. I currently am Vice-Chair of the SUNY Potsdam Child Care Center and understand the importance of creating budgets, being fiscally responsible and working together as a group," she said.

Though Durant acknowledged that a wide variety of issues affect the residents of St. Lawrence County, she said her approach would push the county to focus on more local issues as opposed to state and federal level concerns.

"I have been attending the St.

Lawrence County board of legislator meetings for the past couple of months and one of the things I would like to see is a greater focus on the county issues that we can address and less on the national issues that we really have no control over," she said.

When compared to her opponent, Durant said she doesn't personally know him, however she spoke to her passion for the community.

"I can only tell you that I am a lifelong resident of District 13, have a strong passion for my community and will work tirelessly to protect and enhance the services offered by St. Lawrence County for the residents of not only District 13 but the entire county," she said.

Durant also said she hopes to be in a position to advocate for additional resources for the Department of Social Services while calling for greater transparency by DSS.

In the end, however, Durant said it's not about political party affiliation but taking a "non-partisan approach to getting things done."

"I will always be open and approachable to all residents of District 13. I respect the role of legislator as being that of a steward for the future of St. Lawrence County and recognize that every decision I make will affect the future generations of St. Lawrence County," Durant said.

**GENNETT...**

Gennett currently works as an engineer for Corning in Canton. He said he wants to ensure fiscal responsibility at the county level to ensure services are not only maintained but expanded.

He also hopes the county can continue to improve on infrastructure, while lowering taxes for residents in the county.

"Being fiscally responsible is the number one issue. We have to make sure we're investing in the right projects in a responsible manner and bolstering our infrastructure like our roads and broadband," he said.

Gennett said improving the infrastructure is the best way to attract new businesses and ensure larger businesses stay in the North Country.

"We have the land, we have plenty of power and we have great people up here. There is so much opportunity to tap into," he said.

Gennett is originally from a small town in Pennsylvania and said he has seen the effects when large businesses leave.

"We lost steel mills and there was literally nothing left, people left and small businesses closed," he said.

Gennett also pointed to his education as a key component of what makes him a strong candidate.

"I have an MBA from Syracuse University. I know the ins and outs of business and why responsible oversight is necessary to ensure fiscal stability," he said.

Prior to his work at Corning, Gennett was an officer in the Marine Corps. During his timing as a Marine, Gennett said he oversaw many large scale, taxpayer funded projects.

"We had government transparency on those projects, which is something we are not entirely used to honestly. But that's what we need in the county, so that people know where their dollars are going, how much is being spent and just what is the project," he said.

Gennett said it has been seen in recent years with a number of bridges receiving repairs across the county.

"I know it's an inconvenience that the bridges may be closed for weeks, sometimes even months at a time. But if they fall apart it's game over. We have to rebuild our roads and bridges and we have to ensure we have the resources available to maintain them during the winters," he said.

Gennett said he also learned first hand just how difficult it is to find affordable housing in the North Country.

After moving to the area for his job at Corning, Gennett was forced to live at the Best Western in Canton for over two months before he was able to find a home.

"They were great at the Best Western, they took great care of me and I enjoyed my time there but it's not sustainable. I learned how hard it is to find a home and just how limited we are for affordable housing," he said.

If elected, Gennett said he wants to ensure affordable housing projects are a priority and programs that can assist individuals and families alike to find housing are properly funded.

According to Gennett, programs that assist veterans and individ-

uals with disabilities are complex with "convoluted processes to go through."

"We saw first hand how well these projects can turn out with the old Snell building in Potsdam. If we can retrofit old buildings like that it may be the best way forward," he said.

Gennett said he will assist in securing additional funding to ensure projects like the Snell apartment building project can move forward in a timely manner.

"If we are able to lower taxes we won't see people leaving the area like they are now. We're taxed at absurd levels and when one person leaves it falls to everyone else to maintain the tax base, so more people keep leaving. I know taxes are necessary for public services but we need to find a better way to cover that spread," he said.

When asked about the differences between himself and his opponent, Gennett said there are not many but the differences that do exist are big.

"We have a lot of similar ideas and support a lot of the same projects. I'm an outdoorsman, so the multi-use trail system is something I want to support. We're both very community focused and want to see the North Country flourish.

But what sets me apart is my background as an engineer, my education and business acumen and my experience overseeing large scale projects as an officer in the Marine Corps," Gennett said.

Though he calls himself a financial conservative and is registered as a Republican, Gennett said he will work across the aisle on any potential legislation.

"I'm willing to work with anyone who has the people's best interests in mind. I'm fiscally conservative on many things but I want to hear all sides before making any sort of decision," he said.

Gennett said he chose to live in the North Country because of the

charm of the area and the people who live here. It's because of that charm that he chose to run for the county legislature.

"It's always felt like home to me and I want to help make it a better place," he said.

**BUGS...**

can still be a pest when they make it into a home," he continued.

Hamilton-Honey encourages homeowners to seal their homes to prevent them from getting in and it helps with air leaks and other pests.

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"Crushing them or sweeping them up causes them to release a yellow substance as a defensive measure which can stain walls and smells. This smell attracts other lady beetles, so cleaning where they have been is a good idea. The easier way to get rid of them is to vacuum them up," Hamilton-Honey explained.

He added that populations vary from year to year depending mostly on food availability but also temperature. Larvae eat aphids and adults eat a number of different things.

"This year was an exceptionally good year for aphids, therefore a very good year for the beetle," he stated. The USDA released these beetles as a biological control measure for aphids in the late 70's and 80's. Since the 90's we have had large breeding populations throughout the East Coast. The Asian lady beetle is considered a garden and agricultural beneficial insect due to its aphid control.

More information on lady beetles is available on the New York State Integrated Pest Management site - <https://nysipm.cornell.edu/whats-bugging-you/occasional-invaders/multicolored-asian-lady-beetle/>.

**Canton man leads state police on stolen vehicle pursuit**

CANTON — A Canton man was charged Tuesday stemming from a stolen vehicle pursuit that took place this summer, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies.

Ian J. Johns, 37, was charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property, felony,

third-degree criminal mischief, felony, third-degree criminal mischief, felony, third-degree unlawfully fleeing a police officer, misdemeanor, and several vehicle and traffic law violations, officers said.

Deputies said Johns crashed the stolen vehicle on CR 15 into trees

but fled the scene and was located at a later time.

State police, and Ogdensburg Police K-9 assisted during the incident.

Johns was cited and is to face the charges in court at a later date.

**Norwood resident charged with DWI**

POTSDAM — A Norwood resident was charged with driving while intoxicated Wednesday after flagging down St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies to reportedly assist with a disabled motor vehicle.

Deputies charged Lillian I. Crump, 22, with first-offense DWI after deputies were flagged down on Pierrepont Avenue by Crump after she had vehicle trouble.

Crump was found to be intoxicated but refused to submit to a chemical test to determine her blood-alcohol content (BAC), deputies said.

She was arraigned in Canton court by Judge Morgan, who suspended her license due to a refusal of a breath test.

Crump was cited and released.

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## LAPPER...

questions to get a bead on where she stands on issues important to North Country voters.

### Abortion rights

We asked Lapper to define her position on the recent Supreme Court ruling concerning the Roe v. Wade case precedent. The ruling dissolved any federal guarantees to abortion and put the matter back into the hands of state legislatures. We also asked her to describe where she stands on abortion rights in general.

"I am pro-choice and am committed to protecting and defending a women's access to the full range of reproductive healthcare services," Lapper said. "I will fight to ensure people can make personal decisions for themselves and their families without government interference."

### Mandated reporting

Questions about whether or not clergy members should be mandated reporters, separation of church and state and other moral considerations have been raised over a recent controversy regarding the Madrid-based Christian Fellowship Center. The CFC leadership are under fire for not disclosing that one of their congregation was accused of child sexual abuse. The issue has many former church members and community residents calling for clergy to be made mandated reporters when they learn of such things.

We asked Lapper for her stance.

"The situation with the Christian Fellowship Center is disturbing. Making clergy mandated reporters is something that certainly deserves further serious consideration," she said.

### Criminal justice

The state's bail reform law has drawn a great deal of criticism, recently from St. Lawrence County District Attorney Gary Pasqua. Called a catch and release program, it can be argued that sky high crime rates since its passage have been facilitated by this policy. We asked the candidate if she supports the current Bail Reform policy or a more traditional bail system.

"The bail system was set up to keep the public safe and ensure people return for future court appearances, but it has become a punitive tool for those who can't afford to pay bail," Lapper said.

"The new law certainly needs some improvement and I have questions about the discovery aspects of the language," she said. "We could – and should – be having a genuine conversation that actually seeks to address real problems in our society and criminal justice system."

"When elected, I will work with law enforcement, our district attorneys, and social justice advocates to help strike the correct balance in the law. My door will be open to all," Lapper said.

North Country This Week asked the challenger if she had any reform policy ideas to try to curb criminal recidivism.

"Crime rates in the North Country are not what they are in other parts of the state. I will work to keep them that way as our next senator," she said. "Much of the crime is related to drug and alcohol offenses. I will focus on greater access to mental health and substance use disorder care - especially in areas of the North Country that have so few mental health providers, they are considered 'access deserts.'"

### Health insurance

"The skyrocketing cost of health insurance is troubling," Lapper said when asked what the state could do to cinch up a coverage gap experienced by the working poor in the North Country.

Currently there is a reported gap in affordable coverage for people who work one and sometimes two jobs at low wages. Those in this demographic can obtain insurance through NY State Health, but the premiums are often too high and the deductibles are out of sight for low wage earners.

"When I become a member of the Senate Majority Conference, I will ask to serve on the Insurance Committee to work to make health insurance more affordable for all New Yorkers and to improve the laws to make it more accessible through business and professional groups," Lapper said.

### Tax exempt properties

While a number of tax-exempt properties in Ogdensburg left abandoned by the state sit just outside the newly configured District 45 boundary, what happens with those buildings and lots will have an effect on many of the residents who live in the new Senate District. The aging psych center is in desperate need of repair and no plan has been presented by the state to redevelop the shuttered Ogdensburg Correctional Facility. We asked Lapper what could be done at the state level to get some action on these properties.

"As a state senator, I will work with Empire State Development, the governor's staff and local leaders to put land back on our local tax rolls or develop a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) program to help attract employment opportunities - especially in the green economy sector," she said.

### North Country economy

The challenger's top platform issue is the economy and Lapper is looking to technology development to improve the financial futures of the region.

"As a small business owner and certified public accountant, my top priority when I am elected to the state Senate, will be to do all I can to bolster our North Country economy," Lapper said.

"Not only will I work to ensure our state tax dollars remain here, but I will fight for increased economic opportunity to attract young people to build their lives and raise their families here," she said.

"First, we need to invest in broadband," said the challenger. "Our economy cannot grow without a more robust broadband network."

"Also, I am supporting the Environmental Bond Act which will provide critical funding to protect our natural resources, provide clean air and drinking water and modernize our infrastructure. This investment in the clean energy sector will pay large dividends for the North Country," Lapper said.

Lapper said one of the main issues of concern she hears about from the public on the campaign trail deals with the environment.

"When I am our senator, I will work to promote sustainability, attract green jobs, and invest in our water and sewer infrastructure. I will work with local municipalities to make sure they get the resources they need for these infrastructure and affordable housing projects," she said.

With a recession predicted to be on its way, or already here, many voters in North Country communities are worried about the future. Lapper says one of the answers will be more jobs and a better tax code.

"As an accountant, I see everyday the impact the economy has on the people and businesses of our community," she said. "When I am our senator, I will have many suggestions for the state on how we can make our tax code less onerous for families and small businesses. The best tool to combat inflation is good paying jobs. Good paying jobs

are provided by investment in education and training, small business and infrastructure."

## STEC...

the mother," Stec told North Country This Week when asked about his position on the recent Supreme Court ruling on the Roe v. Wade case precedent. The ruling dissolved any federal guarantees to abortion and put the matter back into the hands of state legislatures.

"The Supreme Court ruling on Roe v. Wade is obviously a passionate issue for many New Yorkers. My belief, and state laws back this up, is that the decision to overturn Roe v. Wade has no impact on abortion rights in New York. These were codified into law in January 2019 as part of the Women's Equality Agenda," Stec said.

### Mandated reporting

The recent controversy surrounding the Christian Fellowship Center situation where they had not reported instances of past sexual abuse allegedly committed by one of their congregation has raised the question about whether or not clergy members should be mandated reporters to the state in suspected cases of abuse.

The issue raises questions regarding separation of church and state and other moral considerations. We asked Stec where he comes down on this issue.

"I have supported legislation, S1399, that adds clergy members to the list of mandated reporters of suspected child abuse and maltreatment," the incumbent Senator said.

### Criminal justice

North Country This Week asked Stec for his stance on key criminal justice issues which affect St. Lawrence County voters, as well as residents throughout the state. Chief among these is the oft-criticized state bail reform law, which many refer to as "catch and release." The policy which allows many accused offenders to be released without bail following arraignment as they await further court dates has been blamed as a contributing factor in skyrocketing crime rates around the state.

"I voted against bail reform as an Assemblyman and in the Senate, sponsor a full repeal of this ill-conceived measure," the senator said.

"We've all seen the headlines and reports: since taking effect, there has been a measurable increase in crime and repeat offenses. District attorneys statewide, of both parties, attribute this to bail reform and have pushed for substantive changes," Stec said.

Stec believes the state must provide judicial discretion and allow prosecutors and law enforcement the flexibility they need to keep our communities safe from violent, repeat offenders. "None of our Sheriffs or DAs were consulted or asked to provide any insight on this ill-conceived legislation, and going forward any criminal justice measures must include their voice and recommendations," the senator said.

We asked Stec to provide ideas to help curb criminal recidivism for the convicted and if he had any specific reform policies in mind.

"First and foremost, we need to provide a disincentive to prevent crimes from occurring. We cannot reward this type of behavior, which is what we're currently seeing," he said. "Expanding public-private partnerships to help provide job-training skills and opportunities is a great way to ensure that incarcerated individuals have a chance for a better future upon release and are less likely to end up committing another criminal offense."

### Health insurance

With many of the working poor in St. Lawrence County unable to afford premiums and deductibles of insurance obtained through the marketplace and yet making too much money for free insurance through the state, many residents in St. Lawrence County struggle to make ends meet and still may for medical expenses.

"As health insurance costs continue to rise, narrowing this gap will continue to be challenging," Stec said. "As state leaders, we need to re-examine the current eligibility guidelines with our health insurance policies to see how they can be improved to ensure affordability."

### Tax exempt properties

The state currently sits on acres of tax exempt land and structures in Ogdensburg and in other areas of the county and local leaders are pushing to have them painted or get off the ladder. While the abandoned psych center and prison properties are not in Stec's district, what is done or not done with the land will have wide reaching repercussions for residents in District 45. We asked Stec if he had any ideas for redevelopment of these properties.

"While Ogdensburg is not in the 45th Senate District, I am aware that the state has a lot of abandoned properties within the city, two of the largest being the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility and a former state psychiatric center," Stec said. "One proposal is for the state to pay the city through a PILOT program."

"It is my understanding that Senator Ritchie will be introducing legislation that will address this issue. I will certainly support and co-sponsor this legislation," the incumbent said.

### North Country economy

"As Senator, I've focused on promoting initiatives that would strengthen local jobs and our local economies," Stec said. "I'm a proud supporter of the upcoming FISU World University Games and have worked with state and local officials to ensure that this isn't just a successful sports and recreation event, but a major economic boon to the Lake Placid region."

"Additionally, I'm focused on responsible environmental stewardship and partnerships that balance our environment with boosting our region's great tourist industry and creates opportunities here in the North Country," the senator said.

"From a policy standpoint, we need to make NY more competitive by rethinking our approach to economic development initiatives to investing in our crumbling infrastructure. We need to reduce our regulatory burdens and offer incentives that will restore job creation and allow businesses to expand," Stec said.

"I support initiatives that lower costs on small businesses and family farms, helping them to invest their money back in their home communities to create good-paying jobs and ensure our residents have access to the products and services they need and deserve," he said. "Going forward, I'll continue working to ensure that state government doesn't impede our local character and economic growth."

With a recession predicted to be on its way (or perhaps here already) the senator was asked what he felt is the state's role in taxation and regulation and what can be done to help cushion the economic downturn for average residents.

"For too long, New York State has taxed and spent far too much," Stec said.

"Our FY23 state budget was \$222.2 billion, which was more than Texas and Florida's combined state budgets. Given our current economic outlook, now is the time to

address this issue."

"That means reining in state spending and the unwieldy taxes and fees that have made job growth lag and led to stagnating earning potential," he said

"Earlier this year, I helped pass an acceleration of a tax cut for middle-class families and a gas tax holiday. We must continue to utilize ideas like this in order to put money back into our resident's pockets," Stec said.

"By addressing the root causes of unaffordability in our state – high property taxes, excessive costs on everyday items and on businesses – we can mitigate the effects of the national economic downturn," he said..

# SLC warns public of lead poisoning

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON — St. Lawrence County has proclaimed Oct. 23-29 as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

County legislators approved the measure during the full board meeting on Oct. 3.

St. Lawrence County Public Health hopes to bring awareness to the issue, citing the potential developmental effects lead can have on children.

"Health problems caused by elevated blood lead levels are often invisible and irreversible in children," officials say.

Public Health officials continue to work to protect children by "encouraging parents to have young children screened for elevated blood lead levels at one and two years of age."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates approximately half-a-million children living in the U.S. have lead levels high enough to cause learning disabilities, behavioral problems, developmental delays and, at very high levels, seizures, coma and even death, according to the resolution.

"The Public Health Department joins the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in encouraging parents to learn more about lead exposure prevention," officials say.

Themes for the week include "Get the Facts," "Get Your Home Tested," and "Get Your Child Tested."

# Parental consent not needed for Monkeypox vax

CANTON – On Oct. 6, New York State Public Health and Health Planning Council voted to add monkeypox to the list of sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The amendment was adopted as an emergency regulation and is in effect for 90 days, with the possibility of extension.

In New York State, minors under 18 years old generally cannot access vaccination, testing, or treatment without consent from a parent or guardian. STIs represent an exception. This action was proposed by the New York State Department of Health as a means of ensuring that minors under the age of 18 can consent to their own monkeypox related services. To check out when our next clinic will be, visit our website <https://stlaw>

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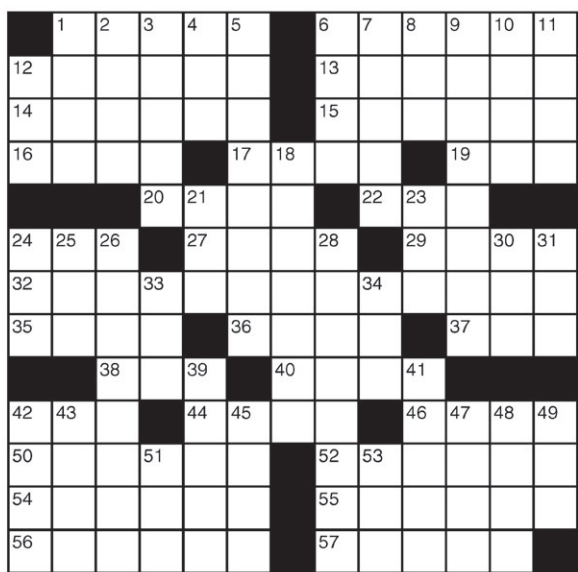


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- 20 Scrooge's cries
- 22 Droop
- 24 Embassy VIP
- 27 Proboscis
- 29 AAA jobs
- 32 South Dakota monument
- 35 Comic strip possum



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- 1 Certain deer
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- 3 Ersatz chocolate
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- 6 Lushes
- 7 Long journeys
- 8 - glance
- 9 "Impressive!"
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- Application and information about Lisbon CSD may be found at: <https://www.lisboncsd.org/>
- Resume
- Letters of Recommendation (three) - For Instructional Positions, Principal Positions, Teaching Positions, Nursing Positions and Bus Driver Positions ONLY
- Copy of New York State Certifications
- Original College Transcripts(s)

**Application deadline is November 4, 2022.**

Failure to provide all requested materials may result in disqualification of the candidate's application.

Please submit information attention to:

**Mr. Patrick J. Farrand**  
Superintendent of Schools

LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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## LECTURER Business & Management Studies

### POSITION SUMMARY

The SUNY Canton Business Department seeks applicants for a Lecturer in Business and Management Studies. This position will focus on delivering undergraduate courses (face to face, flexible, online modalities) in a diverse set of courses in the Bachelor of Business Administration in Management, Agricultural Management and Associates of Science/Applied Science in Business Administration.

### POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

- A 5/5 teaching load, which may use traditional face-to-face, online, hybrid, and converged modalities.
- Teaching assignments may include courses in Introduction to Business, Principles of Management, Business Strategy, Agricultural Management, Business Communications, Marketing, Professional Ethics and Leadership.
- Collaborative participation in course, curriculum, program development, and assessment.
- Participation in campus, university, and community service activities.

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Extensive managerial experience to enable an applied educational experience for business and management students.
- Prior experience teaching in managerial simulations (Capsim, Marketplace Solutions).
- Prior experience teaching in various online platforms (Brightspace, Blackboard, Moodle).

### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Masters of Business Administration or Masters of Science in Management or Business Administration.
- The ability to teach courses in a face to face, flexible, or online modalities.

Interested candidates should submit: (1) a letter of interest, (2) C.V., (3) Statement of Teaching Reflection/Philosophy (4) contact information for three professional references to the HR department website at <https://employment.canton.edu>.

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## Cornell Cooperative Extension St. Lawrence County Energy Advisor

Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County is seeking a dynamic individual to serve as the Energy Advisor responsible for promoting and delivering energy literacy and educational awareness services. The ideal candidate will possess solid communication skills with an aptitude for building strong partnerships and a well-developed understanding of Environment and Natural Resources, Sustainable Energy and Climate Change.

Required Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in a related field of Environment and Natural Resources, Sustainable Energy and Climate Change or an Associate's Degree plus (2) years of experience, as well as demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team with internal and external partners at multiple levels within organizations and across communities.

Posting closes November 15, 2022. Compensation commensurate with experience. For a full position description and to apply, visit: <https://stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu/administration/employment-opportunities>

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but not required. Please email resume to [kpowers@larchtreeservice.com](mailto:kpowers@larchtreeservice.com)

**SUPERVISING LICENSED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN.** LOCATION: POTSDAM HUMANE SOCIETY POTSDAM, NY (ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY). SHIFT: FULL TIME, DAYS, MONDAY-FRIDAY. GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION: The Supervising Licensed Veterinary Technician is responsible for overseeing the intake and internal transfer of all animals. The Supervising LVT ensures all medications, treatments, and behavior assessments are completed in a

timely manner. He/she oversees surgery, clinic schedules, and ordering of medical supplies. This position requires attention to detail, the ability to think on your feet, and to problem solve. The incumbent shall have the ability to multi-task and prioritize duties. The incumbent shall have the skills to oversee and direct others. QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE JOB: Education: Graduate of an accredited Veterinary Technology program with a current New York State license as a Veterinary Technician. Experience: At least four years of experience as a practicing

Licensed Veterinary Technician with strong surgical and laboratory skills. Strong command of medications and dosaging. Other: Strong animal handling skills. Ability to lift at least 50 pounds. Ability to be registered as a euthanasia agent in the state of New York. OTHER: Potential for further advancement. SEND RESUME AND SALARY REQUIREMENTS TO: [kchughes334@gmail.com](mailto:kchughes334@gmail.com) • EOE

**Frazer Motors is hiring a full time automotive mechanic** with shop experience. Rate of pay is \$20-\$24 per hour depending on experience. Please call (315) 386-8800 or e-mail your resume to [office@frazermotors.com](mailto:office@frazermotors.com).

**LOOKING FOR CNA'S OR EXPERIENCED CAREGIVERS TO HELP DISABLED INDIVIDUAL.** 6-9AM, 4-5PM, 7:30-10:15PM. \$18.50-\$30.00/hr. Must have work references. Call for details. 315-514-1566

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Law Office accepting applications for an Office Assistant position. Candidate must have basic computer skills, including Word and Excel, documentation skills with attention to detail and professional interpersonal and communication skills. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Office experience preferred but not required. Please email resume to: 1597A SH 420, Norfolk, New York 13667. Or email resume to [tsova@centralny.twcbc.com](mailto:tsova@centralny.twcbc.com).

**Local Contractor looking for carpenters and laborers.** Working in the Tupper Lake area. You must have some knowledge in residential construction. Valid driver's license and own hand tools are required. Pay is dependent upon experience. Text or call (315) 212-4729 to find out more.

Up to \$21.09 NYC, \$20.22 L.I., \$15.20 Upstate NY! If you need care from your relative, friend/ neighbor and you have Medicaid, they may be eligible to start taking care of you as personal assistant under NYS Medicaid CIPA Program. No Certificates needed. 347-713-3553

**Nutrition Services Aides:** St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging is seeking applicants for the title of Nutrition Services Aide for various Nutrition Centers located in Brasher, Canton, Morristown or Potsdam. The part-time, permanent positions offer a comprehensive benefit package and NYS Retirement. Duties include: preparing, serving and delivering lunches at nutrition centers for older adults. Hours are Monday - Friday: 7 am - 1 pm. A valid New York State Motor Vehicle Driver's License is required. An application and full job description can be obtained from the County's website: [www.slcpersonnel.org](http://www.slcpersonnel.org) or contact Human Resources at (315) 379-2210. AA/EO.

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SUNY Potsdam's Physical Plant is accepting on-line applications for a Construction Site Representative who will report directly to the Associate Facilities Coordinator and

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including Word and Excel. Experience with Quick books is a bonus. Documentation skills with attention to detail and professional interpersonal and communication skills. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Office experience preferred



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## Employment Opportunity

### Cheel Arena Maintenance Worker (Potsdam, NY)

Possess general knowledge of arena operations and equipment. Serve in a working/supervisory capacity when the arena offices are closed, dealing with our customer base which is comprised of students, staff, faculty as well as the general public.

**General Purpose:** Participate in a variety of maintenance/improvements and custodial duties in the Cheel Center/Arena. Maintain ice and arena maintenance involving driving the Zamboni/edger/lifts and other painting duties, power tools and equipment. 12-month position.

**Minimum qualifications:** High School Diploma (Include professional credentials such as licenses or certifications)

### Coordinator of Student Life (Potsdam, NY)

The Coordinator of Student Life focuses on co-advising Clarkson University Student Association (student government), advancing student club and organization regulation/membership/engagement, and supporting large-scale social programming. This role also assists CUSA Senate in budgeting, processing and reporting the distribution of the student activity fee by processing club transactions. This position is also responsible for regular communication from Student Life to clubs/orgs and Student Affairs.

**General Purpose:** The Coordinator of Student Life will primarily focus their energy on advising Clarkson University Student Association as well as the university's recognized clubs and organizations. They will additionally be required to support and attend initiatives created by the Office of Student Life including programming, civic engagement, service learning projects, and major campus events.

**Minimum qualifications:** Bachelor's degree in psychology, sociology, communications, business, or related degree.

### HEOP Admission/Academic Counselor (Potsdam, NY)

This position is responsible for annual identification and recruitment of prospective HEOP students. Provides academic guidance, personal support, career counseling, and resource referral to a small caseload of matriculated HEOP students. Serve as a liaison and educator with campus and community resources. Additionally, assist with Summer Pre-Freshmen Experience (SPREE) programming that would include residence life, academic advisement, workshop facilitation, and participation in community development activities. Finally assist with preparation of institutional and Stated education reports.

**General Purpose:** Coordinate and carry out annual identification and recruitment activities for prospective HEOP students. Provide academic guidance, personal support, career counseling, and resource referral to matriculated HEOP students.

**Minimum qualifications:** Bachelor's Degree required

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We are looking for full-time **GENERAL PRODUCTION WORKERS** at our Potsdam Plant.

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An ideal candidate will have: High school diploma or equivalent. A technical/trade school education is preferred. Computer literacy to include email use and quality check data entry. Attention to detail and familiarity with various industrial equipment. Experience working in a manufacturing environment. Demonstrated safe operation of mobile equipment. Must be willing to work any shifts/hours and overtime, holidays, and weekends.

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## ASSISTANT PROFESSOR Tenure Track - Economics

### POSITION SUMMARY

The SUNY Canton Business Program seeks applicants for a tenure track Assistant Professor Faculty position in Economics (open area), with preference given to candidate who is able to teach a variety of economics courses. Other ranks considered. Responsibilities include teaching undergraduate courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and possibly electives in environmental economics, international economics, and economics of health care beginning in August 2023.

### POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

- A 4/4 teaching load, which may use traditional face-to-face, online, hybrid, and converged modalities.
- Teaching assignments may include courses in Introductory Economics, Managerial Economics, Environmental Economics, Global Economy, Economics of Health Care, and additional courses in Economics.
- Ability to develop a vision for a long-term, sustainable, and innovative, interdisciplinary business program.
- Advising and mentoring students.
- Collaborative participation in course, curriculum, program development, and assessment.
- Participation in campus, university, and community service activities.
- Engagement in professional development and relevant scholarly activity.

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Doctoral degree in Economics or related discipline.
- Prior online teaching experience, including courses as listed above.
- Demonstrated potential for excellence in teaching and research.

### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimally, ABD with expected graduation date, or if at Master's level must have 5 years' work experience in industry in addition to teaching experience (as below).
- Previous college teaching experience (including graduate level Teaching Assistantship).
- Interest in active and collaborative learning and the use of technology for online, hybrid, and converged teaching.

**Interested candidates should submit:** (1) a letter of interest, (2) C.V., (3) teaching philosophy, (4) statement of equity and inclusion that reflects upon candidate's experience and vision regarding the teaching and mentorship of students from diverse backgrounds, and (5) contact information for three professional references to the HR department website at <https://employment.canton.edu>.

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## Skilled Trades - Two Shifts Available

**St. Lawrence University** has an opening for a full time **Skilled Trades** employee. Duties include: Perform general repairs and replacements to damaged, deteriorated or otherwise non-functioning conditions found in and about the University buildings and campus. Apply journeyman level knowledge and experience in electrical, carpentry or plumbing. Additional experience must encompass a basic knowledge from three of the following disciplines: carpentry, plumbing, electrical and painting. Apply skill and responsibility in the use of tools and equipment of respective trades and be responsible for tools, materials, and devices to perform tasks according to accepted practices. Perform related duties as required to accomplish tasks. Primary shift is: Tuesday-Saturday 7am - 3:30pm with Sunday & Monday off. This shift is also a coverage position which shares coverage responsibilities of other shifts when the University needs require it. Second shift is Tuesady-Saturday 3:15pm-11:45pm with Sunday & Monday off.

**Minimum Qualifications:** High School diploma (or equivalent) required. Two (2) years of experience in journeyman trades level work is required. May consider specific coursework related to this position, toward the journeyman trades experience. Requires operation of equipment related to the trade.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, interested applicants must apply online at: <https://employment.stlawu.edu>. SLU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer.

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

will be responsible for the observation and inspection of contraction projects on-site. Duties include, but are not limited to, checking for compliance with contract requirements; participation in job meetings to report on progress and problems; review of contractor's application for payment; maintenance of a daily project log for individual

projects for the campus; and supervising campus construction projects and associated crews. Associate degree or higher; minimum of three years' experience in the construction industry, valid driver's license, excellent knowledge of building trades, and ability to read and interpret blueprints and specifications. Applications will be



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We are looking for **EXPERIENCED and ENTRY LEVEL TECHNICIANS TO JOIN OUR TEAM!**

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[paul.dalton@billrappogd.com](mailto:paul.dalton@billrappogd.com).

### Parts Counter Associate

We are looking for a **QUALIFIED PARTS COUNTER ASSOCIATE TO JOIN OUR TEAM!**

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and/or email resume to

[brandon.kelley@billrappogd.com](mailto:brandon.kelley@billrappogd.com)

reviewed as received. This position is open until filled. To review complete job description and or apply, visit <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/4760>. EOE

Town of Norfolk - Now Hiring - Part Time Court Clerk. Must be available to work evening hours at least once per week. Participation in NYS and Local Retirement System is offered. Qualifications: Must be a self-starter and able to work independently, have above average computer skills, be able to pass a background check, have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation, be available to work evenings (at least one per week), have strong people skills, be able to maintain strict confidentiality. Cover Letter, Resume, Application and 3 Professional References should be mailed or delivered to the Town Clerk's Office in Norfolk by November 7, 2022. EOE

St. Lawrence County Department of Social

## Trivia Test

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the coldest ocean on Earth?
  2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal is represented by the scientific order Proboscidea?
  3. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "pan-" mean in English?
  4. MEDICAL: What is the common name for Hansen's disease?
  5. LITERATURE: Which 1970s nonfiction book begins with the line, "We were somewhere around Barstow on the edge of the desert when the drugs began to take hold"?
  6. THEATER: Who wrote the Tony Award-winning play "The Heidi Chronicles"?
  7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The Empire State Building in New York has how many stories?
  8. ACRONYMS: In photography, what does the acronym SLR stand for?
  9. FOOD & DRINK: Which country produces a cheese called Manchego?
  10. HISTORY: Who was the first House Speaker in U.S. history?
- Answers found elsewhere in this paper.



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## Employment Opportunity

### Recruiter and Talent Acquisition Analyst (Potsdam, NY)

This is a vital role designed to provide best in class talent recruitment services to support Clarkson University. This position is responsible assisting with a variety of recruitment and reporting activities. The incumbent identifies and actively builds candidate networks through proactive outreach and works closely with colleagues and HR Leadership through the full life cycle of recruitment from the creation of the search strategy to contract negotiations to ensure success of recruiting efforts. The Recruiter will create an environment of trust with hiring managers, search chairs, search committees, stakeholders and candidates, while providing a consistent level of service for all candidates and improving time to hire and retention. Additionally, this role is responsible for the analytics, dashboarding, and reporting on key HR metrics.

**General Purpose:** Assist Clarkson University in attracting, hiring and retaining the best possible workforce while developing and growing talent pipelines.

**Minimum qualifications:** Bachelor's Degree --OR-- 6 years of experience in a Human Resources setting with a focus on Recruiting or a similar function for a minimum of 3 of those 6 years (with high school diploma).

### Business Development Manager (Potsdam, NY)

Working with the CoE Director, provide support to the CoE Director and to CoE faculty by carrying out the development and coordination of industrial interactions, supervise planning and marketing of CoE programs, take responsibility for stewarding company-CoE relationships, and assist with reporting activities to/from NY State.

**General Purpose:** To provide support to CoE, including the Director of CoE and CoE faculty, and to develop and steward industry-Clarkson relationships.

**Minimum qualifications:** Bachelor's degree or higher in science or engineering, or the equivalent from a combination of education and experience.

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For More Info, Please Call  
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### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES (EO/AE) is currently accepting applications for the following substitute positions located at the North Franklin Educational Center in Malone and the Adirondack Educational Center located in Saranac Lake:

**Substitute Teachers  
Substitute Teaching Assistants  
Substitute Teacher Aides  
Substitute Clerical**

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

Queries should be directed to:

**Jacob M. Tolosky**  
Director of Human Resources  
PO Box 28, Malone, NY 12953

(518) 483-6420, Option 4 • Email: [hrrsupport@feh.org](mailto:hrrsupport@feh.org)

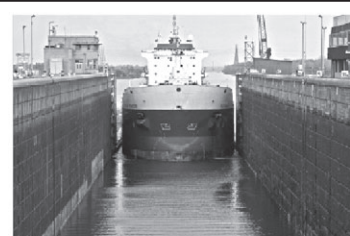
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**Supervisory General Engineer  
(Chief Engineer)**  
Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway  
Massena, NY

View complete posting on [www.USAJOBS.gov](http://www.USAJOBS.gov) (search on Massena, NY).

**Closing date is 1/5/2023 with early consideration after 11/4/2022.** For guidance please watch 'How to Apply for Federal Jobs', among other informational videos, on [www.youtube.com/user/usajobsapp](http://www.youtube.com/user/usajobsapp). For additional questions email U.S. Department of Transportation's Automated Staffing Office -[TRANSJOBS@dot.gov](mailto:TRANSJOBS@dot.gov).



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**Closing date is 1/3/23 with early consideration date of 11/2/22** For guidance please watch 'How to Apply for Federal Jobs', among other informational videos, on [www.youtube.com/user/usajobsapp](http://www.youtube.com/user/usajobsapp). For additional questions email U.S. Department of Transportation's Automated Staffing Office -[TRANSJOBS@dot.gov](mailto:TRANSJOBS@dot.gov).

**Services is in search of a Computer Technician.** Salary is \$46,575 with excellent benefits. This position involves responsibility for coordinating computer and/or microcomputer activities, services, and functions in a department or among departments. The incumbent is responsible for providing a variety of staff support services, including equipment installation, maintenance of

local area networks, mainframe links, and programming activities. For more information and an application, please visit <https://stlawco.org/Departments/HumanResources> or by contacting Human Resources 315-379-2210. AA/EEO

**Instructional Support Associate:** Ranger School, Wanakena, NY, \$46,000 + DOQ-SIINY Environmental Science and Forestry

(ESF) SUNY ESF's Ranger School located in Wanakena, NY invites applicants for the position of Instructional Support Associate, SL-2. For a complete job description and to apply, please visit our website at <http://www.esf.edu/hr/> EOE/AA including Veterans and Disabled.

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### RN Clinical Educator

Seeking a NYS licensed registered nurse to assist with the management and implementation of training staff members in the classroom and in the field. As part of the management team, this position also assists in ensuring that patient care is coordinated, managed appropriately and documented accurately and timely.

Northern Lights Home Health Care is supported by the consortium of Canton-Potsdam Hospital, Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center, and United Helpers Management Company, Inc.

To apply online, visit: [www.mynorthernlights.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.mynorthernlights.org/employment-opportunities)

Or, mail resume to:

Northern Lights Home Health Care  
Attn: Kathy Race  
91 Main Street, Canton, NY 13617  
(315) 714-3135

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### WATER QUALITY SUPERVISOR – MANAGEMENT SERVICES (FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY)

\$79,059 - \$94,871

**JOB SUMMARY:** The Water Quality Supervisor performs a variety of fully skilled tasks and duties associated with the management, treatment, operation, maintenance, and repair of Water and Wastewater Facilities. The Water Quality Supervisor's primary responsibility is for the day-to-day operations of the assigned water and/or wastewater facility in accordance with the Authority's contractual obligations and with federal and state regulations and guidelines. The Water Quality Supervisor secondary responsibilities are to assist Operators with their respective tasks and duties, as necessary.

**EDUCATION:** 2-year degree in engineering, environmental science, engineering or related field required; 4-year degree in engineering, environmental science or related field preferred.

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION/LICENSES:** The incumbent shall maintain the appropriate levels of certification and New York State license required by NYSDOH and NYSDEC for the facility they will be assigned to oversee.

**EXPERIENCE:** Minimum of four years directly related experience in water/wastewater treatment/operations. Minimum of two years in a supervisory role. An equivalent combination of education, training and experience may be deemed acceptable.

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**Additional information:**

- Apprentice must repay financial support for program, if terminated for cause or if they leave employment before obligation is fulfilled.
- Regulations and Standards of Apprenticeship training will be provided upon offer of employment.
- This program is NOT sponsored by New York State, apprentices will not receive NYS Journeyman card.

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### RN Team Manager

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### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

### Teaching Assistant (2 positions available)

Currently located at: NFEC (1) & AEC (1)

Application Deadline: Until Filled

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

Queries should be directed to:

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Education at SUNY Potsdam invites applications for a full-time Visiting Assistant Professor to support its M.S.Ed. Special Education, Certificate of Advanced Studies in Inclusive and Special Education, and special education courses for general education teacher certification programs beginning January 2023. With a focus on enhancing diversity and equity for all students, this position offers a unique opportunity to teach undergraduate and graduate level courses for initial teacher certification programs and to supervise clinical field experiences. Additional duties include participation in department meetings, program assessment, and

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SLPC is a comprehensive mental health facility providing inpatient and outpatient services to adults with mental illness and children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances in St. Lawrence, Jefferson, Franklin, Essex, Lewis, and Clinton counties.

**JOB REQUIREMENTS**

- Current license to practice in New York State
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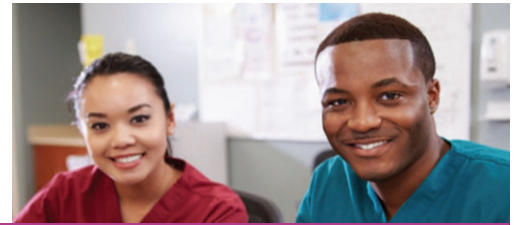
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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT** Chateaugay Central School District (EO/AEE) is currently accepting applications for the following position: **Teacher Aide – Residency Waived** Salary: \$19,857 - \$22,690. Applications due by **October 28, 2022**. For duties, qualifications and application, please contact; Mary Legacy at Chateaugay Central School District, 42 River Street, P O Box 904, Chateaugay, NY 12920, 518-497-6611 ext. 2301. Applicants may apply at the Chateaugay Central School or download and mail a completed application to the above address. Application can be located at <http://www.chateaugaycsd.org/employment.EOE>

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**Canton Central School**

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**Special Education Teacher**  
Tenure Track position

**Health Teacher**

Long Term Substitute, from Jan. 3 -June 30, 2023

Completed applications with cover letter, resume, three letters of reference, and transcripts are due by Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Link to the application is:

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Contact Sarah Smith, Senior Account Clerk, with questions.

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**As a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)**

**Salary range: \$48,801\* to \$52,662\* (\* Includes Geographic Pay of \$4,000)**

The Sunmount Developmental Disabilities State Operations Office (DDSOO) is seeking LPNs.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

Must have a current license and registration to practice in New York State, or a limited permit to practice in NYS, or an application on file for a limited permit to practice in NYS.

**For more information:**

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Applicants must possess strong computer skills and computer proficiency (Word, Excel, etc.) with the ability to create forms, reports, graphs, and tables. Must be willing and able to learn new computer programs.

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**St. Lawrence County Treasurer's Department**

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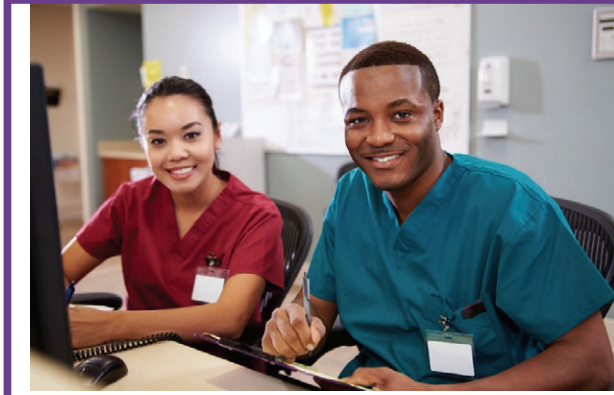
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Applications are due by noon on Monday, October 24, 2022. Substitutes in all areas are also being accepted, this is an ongoing search without an application deadline. Applications can be submitted at [www.eksk12.org](http://www.eksk12.org). Transcripts should be sent to the attention of Brandi Graham, District Clerk, 2512 CR 24, Hermon, NY 13652.

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