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## Primary possible in Ogdensburg

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country Now

OGDENSBURG — Two former city councilors, a long-time board of education member and a former business owner are running on the Democratic ticket for Ogdensburg City Council.

Longtime city resident Michael Tooley is eyeing the mayoral seat while Jennifer Stevenson and Storm Cilley will run for city council seats. Days later Michael

Weaver announced he'd also be seeking the Democratic nomination.

Seats currently held by Steve Fisher, Bill Dillabough, John Rishe and Mayor Jeffrey Skelly are up for grabs in November. It's unclear at this time if any of them plan to run again.

During their tenure as council members the city has undergone drastic cuts to staff, seen significant cuts to taxes and several legal battles.

City council meetings are often contentious, as is the current relationship between the city and county.

Tooley's hoping to push the reset button on things and is hoping to see a change in tone.

Tooley comes to the table with a strong background in finance having served as



Cheryl Shumway | NCTW

## Battle of Ogdensburg

American forces fire a cannon at the British and Canadian troops during a reenactment of a War of 1812 battle in Ogdensburg held Feb. 18. Among the reenactors was St. Lawrence County Sheriff Brooks Bigware. See story on page 15.

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## Massena school leaders hope to keep tax levy flat as budget work begins

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Massena Central School District officials are hoping for a 0% tax levy increase as they work through budget planning for the district.

Officials say there is a possibility of achieving the feat after assessing Governor Hochul's proposed budget that calls for a sharp increase in school aid.

According to Superintendent Pat Brady, administration and offi-



cials on the finance committee are continuing to work on the budget as they prepare to have it finalized sometime in April.

"Our current projections are based on the governor's proposal released on Feb. 1," Brady said.

Brady said the district is set to receive a significant boost in foundation aid but that half a million dollars is to be used to tutor students who "are at risk of not meeting ELA and math standards in grades three through eight."

Though he noted that funding is very necessary and will likely allow the district to help many students in need, one issue is that the funds

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## Firefighters say business as usual despite legal threat

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Despite recently receiving a notice of claim from veterinarian Wilfredo Perez, it's business as usual for the Massena Volunteer Fire Department.

Massena Volunteer Fire Chief Pat O'Brien recently told North Country This Week the department remains in great shape despite the ongoing situation.

"We just want to assure folks it is business as usual for us. We're going to continue to respond to every situation, we will continue to train and we will continue to serve our community.

O'Brien said training is an ongoing process for volunteer and career staff, as well.

"We opted to do some extra training because we have younger volunteers who may not have much experience with chainsaws, especially as it relates to our job as firefighters, so we reached out to

**The owner of Java's Veterinary Center has filed a notice of claim against the towns and fire departments in Massena and Louisville, but local firefighters say it's business as usual for now.**

the forest rangers to assist us with getting them up to speed," O'Brien said.

Much is the same for the Louisville Volunteer Fire Department as well, who recently

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Ogdensburg Professional Firefighters Local 1799 | Courtesy

## Ice water rescue training

Recently, firefighters under the command of Captain Eric Brunet took the opportunity to participate in some ice water rescue training. As professional firefighters we have to be ready for any circumstance and training in real world scenarios helps us be ready whenever that call may come.

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**Ogdensburg's REDI project  
will cost local taxpayers  
roughly \$4 million**

**BY JIMMY LAWTON**

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OGDENSBURG — What started out as an \$8 million project with a \$400,000 local share to fix issues and reduce further problems by flooding has grown into a \$12.5 million project that will cost local taxpayers more than \$4.1 million.

The massive bond was approved Feb. 13 in a 5-2 vote with Steve Fisher and Bill Dillabough voting against it.

City Councilor John Rishe also expressed disinterest in supporting the measure, but said the contracts were awarded and needed to be paid.

The Lake Ontario Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative aimed to help municipalities hurt by flooding in Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River Communities.

When it was first announced the funding was welcomed with open arms.

One half of the REDI project which included improvements to the Seawall along the Oswegatchie River and Maple City trail moved forward with little to no issues.

However, the city has had a much different experience in the REDI project that includes the boardwalk and Morrisette Park.

Delays in constructions and changes in project scope have pushed the price tag ever upward. In November of 2020 the city was expected to spend just \$415,000.

In December of 2021, the city expanded the project to the tune of \$1.3 million.

In February of 2022, the city added an additional \$1.9 million to the project.

The additions to that point were due to increased material and labor costs and additions approved by council such as changing the grading and replacing the park that was being removed.

Then in November of 2022, the city was hit with a massive unexpected cost when engineers said it was found that additional work would be needed to install a new sheet pile wall and tie-back system to replace the existing wall and allow for the other improvements planned at Morrisette Park to be constructed and designed.

In the past, Mayor Jeffrey M. Skelly described the REDI grant as making a deal with the devil. He said that the project has continually grown into a massive burden for the city.

"A lot of cost increases. A lot of changes arisen. And not at the best time. While our audit was great for

2021, things are changing quickly for our city," Skelly said.

Deputy Mayor Steve Fisher, who voted against the bond, says the city needs to consider its options as he believes that additional cost was related to failings of the engineers who approved the project.

"That's got the \$1.4 million in it for the sheeting in the front that nobody sent a diver in the water and were (going to) tag the taxpayers for? Just to make sure?" Fisher asked, before saying that he was voting no on the matter.

"They should have put a diver in water. They should be sued."

Mayor Jeffrey M. Skelly said that's something that could be discussed.

Fisher said it was probably better to move such conversations to executive sessions.

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## Battle in the 'Burg'

American forces fire at British and Canadian troops during a reenactment of a War of 1812 battle in Ogdensburg held Feb. 18.

# Ogdensburg gets clean audit, but will need new auditor for this year

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg's 2021 audit was clean according to Pinto, Mucenski, Hooper Vanhouse, and Co.

The audit did not report any deficiencies in internal controls or compliance.

The audit showed that the city grew the fund balance from \$5.4 million to \$6.62 million in that year.

Ogdensburg Mayor Jeffrey M. Skelly said he was pleased with the results. He said 2021 was a standout year for the city financially.

"I don't know of any other communities in New York State that were able to lower taxes by 10%, raised their fund balance and significantly paid down debt at the same time," he said.

"The results of the audit are a testament to the work of Angela Gray, Steve Jellie and Andrea Smith."

The audit had been a point of contention among council members and the public in recent months as it had not been completed in time for budget preparations.

Pinto, Mucenski, Hooper, Van-House & Co. was hired in October of 2020 to perform the annual audit for the years 2020-2022 for the price of \$24,000 for 2020, \$25,000 for 2021 and \$26,000 for 2022.

However, the firm will no longer be performing the 2022 budget. Interim City Manager Andrea Smith said the firm will no longer be providing the auditing service and a request for proposal has been sent out to find a replacement firm.

At a recent meeting, Ogdensburg resident Steve LaRose criticized the council for failing to complete the 2021 audit prior to passing the 2023 budget.

Mayor Jeffrey M. Skelly said that

delays in the audit were unfortunate but said people should be pleased with the results.

"All the hype and rumors spread out there about missing money and misused money were just a distraction from how great our city did at that time," he said.

Skelly said the work done in that year is significant as the loss of sales tax put a huge dent in the city's revenues.

"We were fortunate that we had the \$1.5 million to use for the 2023 budget. Now we are unfortunately taking \$4.1 million for the REDI project which should have only cost us \$500,000, but that was dropped in our laps," he said.

"It's a good thing that we paid off that debt, that we improved our Moody's rating, that we lowered taxes and gave breathing room in our ability to raise them in the future."

Skelly said without the growth found in 2021 the city wouldn't be able to make ends meet.

"With the inability to make the necessary adjustments to the fire department due to the existing contract, we'll need to take advantage of the room we made to raise taxes," he said.

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## BOE and Union reach deal

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
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MASSENA — School board members along with the Massena Federation of Teachers and Massena Building Administrators Association have come to an agreement to modify existing memorandums of agreement related to professional performance reviews.

Officials say the changes come after state officials eliminated a state assessment exam for fourth-grade science.

Prior to the modification to the memorandum of agreement, 50% of evaluations for teachers and principals centered on student performance on Regents exams, as well as the state science assessments for students in grades four through eight.

Following the announcement of the elimination of the fourth-grade exam, Superintendent Pat Brady

established a committee of stakeholders to assess the evaluation process.

Officials on the committee have now agreed that any further professional performance reviews will be based on Regents exams only.

"I think both the district, as well as the administration, working with teachers, leaders and administrative leaders, agreed that just focusing on the commencement Regents exam as a measure of performance would be the best way to make these changes," Brady said.

All changes made required board approval with a revised plan also being submitted to the State Education Department.

Other criteria for teacher evaluations include principal observations, while principals are rated based on observation by the superintendent.



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# Troopers sweep river for murder evidence

GOUVERNEUR — The State Police Forensic Identification Unit and Underwater Recovery Team are searching the Oswegatchie River and riverbanks near the Main Street bridge in the village of the Gouverneur. They are focusing their search for any evidence related to the homicide of Ronald E. Durham, 72, of Gouverneur.

Durham was reported killed by a sharp force injury to his neck and was found in the East Side Cemetery on Van Buren Road around 8:20 a.m. on Feb. 11.

As a result of an investigation of Durham's death, with the assistance of the Gouverneur Police Department, Frederick A. Wing, 22, Gouverneur, was arrested for one count of murder in the second-degree.

Wing was arraigned in the Town of Rossie Court and ordered held in the St. Lawrence County Jail, without bail, pending future court appearances.

This investigation remains ongoing. State Police are asking for anyone with information regarding this incident to please contact State Police at 315-379-0012.

# Village says good-bye to police officer

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Village trustees approved a number of resolutions during the board's Feb. 13 meeting, including two personnel changes.

Officials approved the resignation of Patrol Officer Blake Orosz from the Massena Police Department. Officials with the department say Orosz has transferred to a downstate department for family. "She was a great officer and she

will certainly be missed. That is a big loss for the department," Mayor Greg Paquin said. In her place, officials signed off on the hiring of Marcus LaBrake as a patrol officer with the department. LaBrake will attend the police academy at SUNY Potsdam this fall, officials say.

Officials also agreed to approve a deal with Wright-Pierce Engineering Consultants for on-call engineering services, water intake evaluation, as well as miscellaneous engineering. The deal is to not

exceed \$10,000. In other action, village officials also signed off on an addendum between the village and United Public Service Employees Union (Massena Police Protective Association). Officials say the addendum, dated June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2025 was due to a change in the clothing allowance for each patrol officer, sergeant and investigator employed at the time of ratification.

"It's really just a minor language change, nothing more," Paquin said.



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## Winter Carnival

The 49th annual Tri-Town Winter Carnival parade held in Winthrop Feb. 18 included Jerusha Jaeger riding Black Feather Shenanigans. Her horse was adorned for Mardi Gras, this year's carnival theme

# Ogdensburg man charged with cocaine possession

CANTON — An Ogdensburg man was jailed on drug charges Feb. 16, according to St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies.

Kevin C. Guilbert, 40, was arrested around 9 a.m. that day and charged with two counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, felony, officers said.

He was allegedly in possession of about 13 grams of methamphetamine, four grams of cocaine, digital scales and packing material,

officers said.

Guilbert was arraigned by Canton Town Judge Morgan and remanded to St. Lawrence County jail without bail, deputies said.

He reportedly has two prior felony convictions, officer said.

Deputies were assisted by New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, New York State Police VGNET, and the St. Lawrence County Drug Test Force.



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# Deadly crash investigation continues

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

LOUISVILLE — National Transportation Safety Bureau investigators have concluded their initial investigation of a fatal accident on State Route 37 that claimed six lives and left eight others injured.

The entire investigation is expected to be completed in 12-24 months, officials say.

According to the NTSB initial report released today, Feb. 16, investigators determined the accident was the result of a 26-foot box truck crossing over the highway centerline, leading to a collision with the driver's side of the bus.

As a result of the accident, six occupants of the bus were killed, two were seriously injured, six more had minor injuries and one was uninjured.

The driver of the truck, now known to be Harley N. Diaz-Baez, 25, of the Bronx, was also seriously injured in the accident.

Police say Christopher Valiro-Torres, 36, of Venezuela was the driver of the bus.

Other parties involved with the investigation included the Federal

Motor Carrier Safety Administration, New York State Police and New York Department of Transportation.

NTSB officials say all aspects of the crash remain under investigation while the NTSB determines probable cause, with the intent of issuing safety recommendations to prevent similar incidents.

According to NTSB spokesman Peter Knudson, investigators were on scene from Jan. 29 until Feb. 6.

"Investigators will continue to gather, collect and evaluate evidence in an investigation that will include survival factors, vehicle factors, human performance and the motor carrier involved," Knudson said.

Officials say the accident occurred at 6:02 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29. The collision, between a 2013 medium sized bus with 15 occupants and a 2021 Freightliner box truck, was originally deemed due to poor visibility and snow and ice covered roads, according to police.

The six men who were killed were employees of LBFNY, LLC in Weed-sport.

Officials with the company say they were on their way to a solar

project in Madrid.

Dozens of first responders were called to the scene as there were mass casualties. Their efforts were recognized by Mayor Mike Zagrobelny of Waddington.

"As many of you are aware, there was a terrible accident on Rt. 37 in Louisville early this morning," he said in an online statement. "Thank you to all of the first responders from around the county including Waddington Volunteer Rescue Squad and Waddington Volunteer Fire Department who responded, thank you to St. Lawrence County dispatch for coordination of efforts, and hospital workers. Please share thanks with the responders but also grant them the grace to deal with what they may have witnessed. Thank you again for being there at the worst of times."

Troopers were assisted by St. Lawrence County Sheriff's department, multiple fire and rescue teams; Louisville, Waddington, Norfolk, Madrid, Massena, and Seaway Valley.

The victims were reportedly transported to Massena Memorial, Canton-Potsdam Hospital, and Claxton Hepburn Medical Center.



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# St. Lawrence County DA says seizure money will pay for tech upgrades

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office plans to utilize more than \$25,000 from a Discovery Grant for technological upgrades that will make the office more efficient.

District Attorney Gary Pasqua went before the operations committee on Feb. 13 to detail what the grant funding will be used for.

"This deals with the discovery grant we got. As you know, the grant came in for a two-year period and the majority of it went to pay for the discovery position that I got, as well as the Sheriff. But this portion deals with a couple different things. One is the Cellebrite hardware that deals with phone extractions. We put it into the grant and the state approved that. This will allow us to do our own extractions on cell phones and get those to the defense faster," Pasqua said.

"Part of the grant there is a training component, which I will be

sending my investigator to as well," Pasqua said. That training will also be covered by the grant.


Prior to the implementation of the hardware, phone extractions were conducted in Albany or by the Department of Homeland Security, Pasqua told legislators.


Being able to conduct extractions locally will speed up the process for the district attorney's office, allowing them to remain compliant with new discovery requirements, Pasqua said.

"We can send all of the files digitally now as well," he said.

Pasqua said the new tech will be the only way to keep up with new discovery laws but once in place will streamline the workflow.

Of the \$25,431 in state aid, \$6,065 will be used for a laptop, with \$10,625 being used for Cellebrite Universal Forensics Extraction Device (UFED) Program and \$8,742 for storage fees for the PCMS program.





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## BRIEFLY

## Fatal fire

ROSSIE — A Hammond man died in a house fire Sunday morning, according to state police. Troopers and firefighters were dispatched to a fire Sunday, Feb. 19, shortly after 8 a.m. on Butler Road, officers said. When troopers arrived on scene, the residence was completely engulfed in flames and mostly on the ground. One resident, Jay D. Marsaw, 79, was located deceased after the fire was extinguished, police said.

## Drunk driving

A Heuvelton man was charged with driving while intoxicated Wednesday afternoon in the Town of Oswegatchie, according to New York State Police. Troopers said that a 2010 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by Sean P. Coleman, 38, was observed around 4 p.m. failing to keep right on multiple occasions on State Highway 812. Troopers initiated a traffic stop, interviewed the driver who was identified as Coleman. It was determined Coleman was showing signs of impairment. He submitted to SFST's on scene

which he subsequently failed. He recorded a BAC of .20 and charged with aggravated DWI having a BAC .18 or higher, failure to keep right and failure to change an address.

## Assault charge

A Lawrence woman is facing an assault charge for allegedly injuring another person on Feb. 10 in the Town of Lawrence. St. Lawrence County Sheriff's deputies charged Samantha R. Caron, 31, with third-degree assault, second-degree criminal trespass and second-degree harassment following an investigation into an assault complaint

## Felony charges

RUSSELL — A Sheriff's Deputy arrested a parolee transfer from Georgia on multiple drug and firearm felony charges. According to the Sheriff's Office, Deputy Sheriff Hunter Yerdon, During the stop, Yerdon encountered multiple individuals, including Patrick A.J. Lawrence, 41, of Antwerp, NY, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Lawrence was a parolee transfer from the state of Georgia to New York and was found to be in possession of a loaded 9mm handgun, as well as extended high capacity magazines and 4.5 grams of Methamphetamine, officials say. Lawrence was subsequently charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, both class C felonies, three counts of third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, class D felonies. Lawrence was arraigned in Town of Russell court and remanded to St. Lawrence County jail.

## RECENT DEATHS

LINDA TROMBLEY, 72, Massena. Feb. 6. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home.

RONALD DURHAM, 72, Gouverneur. Arrangements with Green Funeral Home.

GARY BYINGTON, 72, Massena. Feb. 13. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home.

RAY RICHARDSON, 79, formerly of Watertown. Feb. 12. Arrangements with Reed & Benoit Funeral Home.

MARIE BOMBARD, Norfolk. Feb. 16. Arrangements with the Buck Funeral Home.

WAYNE VAUGHAN, 74, Massena. Feb. 11. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home.

JOHN STEELE, formerly of Heuvelton. Feb. 14. Arrangements with Michael Torsone Memorial Funeral Home.

ANDREW JOHNSON II, 32, Rensselaer Falls. Feb. 15. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home.

NANCY LAVIGNE, 72, Massena. Feb. 16. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home.

ANN RICHARDS, 86, formerly of Nicholville. Feb. 17. Arrangements with Flint Funeral Home.

JEAN SEELEY, 96, Ogdensburg. Feb. 16. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home.

KELLY JO CLAFFEY, 40, Massena. Feb. 6. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home.

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## OBITUARIES

## Gary D. Byington, 72

Massena

MASSENA -- Gary D. Byington, 72, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 13, 2023, at the SUNY Upstate Medical University Hospital in Syracuse surrounded by family.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hammill Funeral Home in Winthrop and following Gary's wishes there will be no services at this time.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at St. Lawrence Cemetery in North Lawrence.

Gary was born at home in North Bangor on December 2, 1950, to the late Edmund and Frances (Fleury) Byington.

After graduating from St. Lawrence Central High School in Brasher Falls, he continued his education at North Country Community College.

He was a millwright mechanic, who dedicated 40 plus years at ALCOA.

Gary loved spending time at home with Debbie tinkering, lounging in his chair with his dog Bella, summers gardening, walking, and looking forward to beating his brother, Jerry at golf.

He loved his girls fiercely, spending time with his grandchildren

and was the king of dad jokes.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie; four daughters, Jennifer (Dylan) Hays, Jill (Pete) Petrilli, Jaime (Rob) Bicknell, and Gina Byington Pryce; step - son Eric (Jen) Tyo; grandchildren, Karleigh, Norah, and Jayne Hays, Rylie, Sloane, and Averie Bicknell, Kaelin and Laken Pryce; his



Gary Byington

siblings, Francis 'Bud' and Grace Byington, William Byington, Joan Kent, Janice Tackett, Gerald and Carol Byington, Dale Byington, Gail and Mike Murtagh; many nieces, nephews, cousins and his beloved kg companion, Bella.

Two brothers, Robert and Bruce predeceased him.

Memorial contributions in Gary's honor may be made to the Sarcoma Foundation of America; curesarcoma.org

Words of comfort and condolences can be shared with his family at www.hammillfh.com.

## Wayne R. Vaughan, 74

Massena

MASSENA -- We are sad to announce the passing of Wayne R. Vaughan, age 74.

He was born on 01/03/1949 and passed on 02/11/2023.

Wayne had been in and out of the hospitals throughout 2022 and passed of health complications in Massena Hospital/rehab/nursing home.

Wayne was the son of Harold and Doris Vaughan (predeceased) of Russel, New York, and one sibling predeceased, a sister, Elaine Mary.

Wayne met and married Hazel Bice 01/22/1972 in Ogdensburg, NY. This marriage ended in divorce, but they remained best friends over the years.

Wayne leaves behind one daughter, Carrie Vaughan; grandchildren, Caitelynn and Paul Graveline of Ogdensburg; two sons, Wayne Vaughan Jr. with grandchildren Kylie and Kayla Vaughan, all of Hammond, NY; also Tyler Vaughan of Jacksonville Florida.

Wayne also left behind siblings, Marlene and Lee Carvel of Hermon, Deborah and Robert White of Russell, Linda and Johnny Rapa of St. Louis, Mo., and brother, Peter and Roxanne Vaughan of Russell; he left behind cousins, and many friends, old and new.

Wayne worked at Shade and

Roller Corp. until its closing, then at Mater Dei College, and ended up retiring from Heuvelton School District.



Wayne Vaughan

Wayne spent hours at the rivers doing what he loved, "fishing" he had a passion for woodworking and had created unusual pieces for family members.

In his younger years, he was always up for a good ole game of horseshoes.

Wayne was a loved man and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

At this time, there will be no services, however as the family gathers from different places in the summertime, we WILL have a celebration of his life.

For any cards or donations, please send to: Frary's Funeral Home, PO Box 1036, 515 Caroline St., Ogdensburg, New York, 13669 in C/O Carrie Vaughan for Wayne Vaughan's final farewell.

Online condolences may be made at www.fraryfuneralhome.com.

## Ray Edward Richardson, 79

Formerly of Watertown

CHARLOTTE, NC — Ray Edward Richardson, 79, formerly of Watertown, New York, died Sunday, February 12, 2023 at his home in Charlotte, North Carolina.

He was born August 8, 1943 in Potsdam, NY, the son of Elmer H. and Ruth E. Jenkins Richardson.

His father was originally from Macomb, NY and his mother from Richville, NY.

His father retired from Aloca in Massena, NY.

Raised in Winthrop, NY, he was a 1961 graduate of St. Lawrence Central School, Brasher Falls, NY.

He graduated from Albany (NY) College of Pharmacy in 1966.

He married Janet Sue Farmer, July 6, 1968, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Watertown.

He was a registered pharmacist and for most of his career employed by Kinney Drugs in Watertown, Malone, Ogdensburg, Adams and Carthage.

He also was employed by the House of the Good Samaritan, Grant's Drugs and Medical Center Pharmacy, all in Watertown.

After his retirement, he relocated to Charlotte.

He was a devoted and loving husband and father and those fortunate enough to know him witnessed his kind, thoughtful, caring and gentle ways.

He approached everything he did with patience, intelligence, attention to detail and with a desire to do things completely, thoroughly and

well. He was mild mannered with a great sense of humor and a clever way with words.



Ray Richardson

He enjoyed collecting and admiring quality television, movies and music and had a lifelong interest in vintage automobiles.

He took pride in his North Country heritage.

He is survived by his wife, Janet S. Richardson, of Charlotte; a son, Rande S. Richardson, of Watertown; a daughter, Kara L. Richardson Morris and son-in-law, Sean Morris, of Albemarle, NC; four grandchildren, Evan Richardson and Braeden Richardson and Alex Tuz and Ava Morris; and nieces and nephews. His parents, a brother, John Richardson, and a sister, Jane Richardson Sutton, all died before him.

Services will be private. Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery, Watertown.

Arrangements are with Reed & Benoit Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601 or at www.nnycf.org.

## Doreen M. Fish, 78

Malone

MALONE -- Doreen M. Fish, age 78, passed away on January 8, 2023, at her home in North Carolina with her family by her side and in the care of Hospice.

Arrangements are under the care of Phillips Memorial Home, 64 Andrews St., Massena. There will be no calling hours. A memorial mass will be held in the spring with burial at Visitation Cemetery.

Doreen is survived by her four daughters, Tracy and Tom Williams, of Haw River NC, Cheri and Shannon Prentice, of Louisville, Lori and Steve Schlonski, of Colorado Springs CO and Tammy and Brad Villnave, of Norfolk; eight grandchildren, Tara McCoy and Tory Williams, Kortnie and Hunter Prentice, Brandon and Cameron Schlonski, and Dawson and Garrett Villnave; great-grandchildren, Peyton and Miles McCoy, Carter and Zane Williams, Huck Brue, Wyatt Villnave; one sister, Janice Neal, of Ocala FL; several nieces and nephews.

Doreen is predeceased by her parents, Percy and Clara Dumas and her loving husband, Roger

Fish. She was born on December 23, 1944, in Malone, the daughter of Percy and Clara (Tavernier) Dumas. She graduated from St. Joseph's School in Malone in 1962, and attended hairdressing school in Rochester.



Doreen Fish

Doreen married Roger Fish on Aug 1, 1964,

in North Bangor. She worked at Massena Memorial Hospital as a billing clerk. She enjoyed doing puzzles with her friend, Doug Hammond. She also enjoyed bowling and was on many leagues throughout the years but most of all Doreen loved the time she spent with her family.

Online memories, pictures and condolences may be shared with the family at www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

**SUBMITTING OBITUARIES:** Families now have the option of publishing obituaries in North Country This Week -- ask the funeral home to submit the obituary for publication in the paper as well as on NorthCountryNow.com. For more information or to submit an obituary for a former St. Lawrence County resident, email obituaries@northcountrynow.com or call 265-1000 ext. 23.



# Ogdensburg secures crucial funding for pump house

BY JIMMY LAWTON  
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG — While the city has recently faced a host of unexpected financial blows, it's found a solid victory in financing a \$1.8 million project to rehabilitate the Main Street pump station.

The pump station was originally slated to be part of the massive Waste Water Treatment Facility project, but was one of many alternatives cut from the original plan with hopes of finding grants to offset the cost.

Interim City Manager and Planner Andrea Smith said the move

was a successful one.

She said the pump house was well past its useful lifespan and had been limping by in recent years, but was also crucial to the city as the pump supplies water to the entire western portion of the city.

That includes Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center, the State Police Barracks and dozens of local businesses.

In recent years and months, Smith has been working to find funds for the project. Now \$1.56 million of the project will come from three separate grants.

Most recently, Smith was successful in securing a St. Lawrence

County grant of \$400,000.

The county included some funding for water projects as part of the \$20 million spending plan for American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Although in recent years the city and county have had their differences, the grant may be a sign of improving relationships.

The city and county also recently came to an agreement in which the county provides overnight dispatching for the Ogdensburg Police Department.

Smith offered praise to county officials for using ARPA funds to help bolster local communities that were in dire need of infrastructure

support.

"I think the county has done a nice job, not unlike the city, in being diverse in how they use their funds," she said.

The city used a portion of its much smaller ARPA awards to help homeowners and businesses with critical heating and plumbing projects.

But the county grant is only part of the equation. Smith said the city was also successful in receiving a \$1 million Northern Border Regional Commission grant and \$140,000 State and Municipal Facilities grant.

Combined, the local share of the project is reduced to about

\$260,000.

Smith said that the Main Street pump project has already been put out to bid and awarded.

While the city still has other pumps that could use some improvements, those aren't in as dire shape or quite as crucial as the Main Street pump.

She said the next one targeted by the city will be on South Water Street.

Smith said she is always looking for funding opportunities for projects and is hopeful they will find similar success down the road.

## Boys and Girls Club selling tickets

OGDENSBURG — The Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club are currently selling tickets for its Spring Raffle.

The \$20 raffle tickets feature great prizes and are available from OBGCB board members who will be selling them at area businesses, through Venmo @Ogdensburg-BoysandGirlsClub (just include message for raffle tickets) or at the Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club by stopping in during non-program hours.

First prize is \$5,000 courtesy of Blevins Auto Group, 2nd and 3rd prize are \$1,500 Gift Certificates from Gardner's Flooring and Furniture, 4th prize \$1,000 cash given by St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union, 5th prize \$1,000 gift certificate from Save-A-Lot, 6th prize \$1,000 cash from 4 Generation Club Family, 7th Prize \$1,000 cash in Memory of Charles W. Kelly with the grand prize drawings taking place March 26.

There will also be three special early bird draw dates including \$500 on March 5, donated by Howland Pump, two \$500 drawings on March 12, donated by the Pepsi Family of Ogdensburg and Community Bank, N.A and two \$500 prizes on March 19, donated by the Moose Lodge 814 and Community Bank, N.A.

"The Spring Raffle is crucial for our fundraising efforts for the year. Club attendance has never been greater with generally 160-180 members afterschool daily and the Preston C. Carlisle Youth Athletic Center opening could not have come at a better time. We are hoping our alumni, supporters and friends will continue to support our efforts and

our out of town supporters will take advantage of the easy access to tickets through Venmo. We our thankful for all the great sponsors of the ticket who many years after year donate prizes to make and impact on the youth we serve," stated Thomas Luckie, Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club, Executive Director.

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public auction will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 2:00 pm at City Hall, City Council Chambers, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 for the sale of City-owned property. The following properties will be offered for sale at public auction:

Parcel ID	Local Number	Local Name	Sale Price
48.078-5-31	12	Mill St	\$500
48.078-5-33		Mill St	
48.078-5-34	18-20	Mill St	\$1,500
59.021-6-8	207	Adams Ave	\$500
48.072-8-34		Plover Hill Ave	\$2,500
59.022-5-9	618	Lake St	\$3,500
59.023-9-9	935	State Street	\$10,500
48.073-1-10	1907	Jay Street	\$10,500
59.022-2-9	405	King Street	\$18,500
59.021-1-30	529	King Street	\$10,500
48.071-4-5	801	Washington Street	\$6,700
48.079-12-10.114	420	Lafayette Street	\$45,000
48.078-7-14	7	Brown Street	\$4,500
48.078-7-15		Brown Street	
48.078-7-16		Brown Street	
48.071-3-18	131	Paterson Street	\$3,500
48.071-3-17.1		Paterson Street	\$5,000
59.021-6-1	620	King St.	
48.072-2-71	1419	Ford St.	\$14,500
48.079-6-23	708	Morris St.	\$20,000
48.079-6-22	712	Morris St.	\$18,500
59.022-7-19	615	Ford Ave.	\$18,000
59.031-2-29	5	W. South St.	\$14,500
59.022-15-21	521	Rensselaer Ave	\$2,500
59.022-14-7	530	Rensselaer Ave	\$18,000
48.072-12-8	1105	Knox St.	\$10,000
48.072-2-6	1217	Ford St.	\$3,000
59.023-12-31	1010	S. Water St	\$10,000
48.072-6-3.1	1503	Greene Street	\$10,000
48.073-2-7	624	Irvin Street	\$3,500
48.065-4-17.1	504	Irvin Street	\$8,500

For more detailed information, please visit the City website at [www.ogdensburg.org](http://www.ogdensburg.org).

**SECTION TWO:** The City does not guarantee clear property title in the transfer of property by auction and conveyance will be made by Quit Claim Deed. The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to withdraw any parcel from sale.

Dated: January 24, 2023

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## Quake felt in Massena

MASSENA — U.S. Geological Service officials say a small earthquake was recorded near Massena during the evening of President's Day.

USGS officials say the quake occurred around 6:49 p.m. with an epicenter near the intersection of State Route 37 and Haverstock Road.

According to the report, the quake had a depth of 3.4 miles.

To date, there have been no reported injuries and no damage reported but USGS officials said at least one individual reported feeling the quake.

According to the USGS, individuals as far away as Watertown have reported feeling the tremors.

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# County adds redundancy to improve emergency communications

CANTON — As part of a planned, extensive renovation to the county dispatch center, officials are taking steps to ensure service will be uninterrupted.

During the March 6 operations committee meeting, legislators approved a contract with Slic Net-

work Solutions Inc. for a redundant internet connection and service.

Officials say the redundant connection will be between the primary call 911 center in Canton and the backup center in Massena, allowing them to “share vital data.”

“We do have a new phone sys-

tem that is being installed both at the primary dispatch center in Canton and the backup dispatch center in Massena. That requires a redundant internet connection between them both,” Deputy Director of Emergency Service Jonathan Mitchell told legislators.

The cost of the contract will include a \$49 setup cost and a monthly cost of \$69.95 per month.

Mitchell told officials the rate from Slic is standard and is the same rate the county was paying previously for redundant service.

Officials previously approved the

renovations last year that would see upgrades of technological equipment, office renovations and service upgrades in both Canton and Massena. Officials also approved the purchase of upgraded 911 call-taking solutions for both sites as well.

## North Country LEGAL NOTICES

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**The Town of DeKalb will be conducting a dog enumeration starting March 1, 2023.** The dog control officer will be going to each resident. Please have licenses available for proof. Any dog found to be unlicensed during the enumeration will be subject to penalty and/or tickets. All dogs four months or older must be licensed with the Town Clerk's office. Clerk's office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 am to 1 pm, Tuesday & Thursday 11 am to 5 pm. A current Rabies Certificate must be presented at the time of licensing.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of M. J. Sorrento & Associates LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-01-20. 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 The LLC: 435B Riverledge Rd. Hammond NY 13646. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Foxem Enterprise LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-12-30. 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 Emily Fox: 5648 County Route 6 Ogdensburg NY 13669. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of A. Netto Construction, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/07/2023. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to: Andrew Netto, 29 Countryside Court Dr., Gouverneur, NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Riverside Floral LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-01-15. 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 Jacklynne Durham: 17 Riverside Drive Colton NY 13625. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**BRASHER LEGAL NOTICE**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular Meeting of the Brasher Town Board will be held on Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 at 4:00 PM it will be held at the Municipal Building in Brasher Falls, NY. All meetings are open to the public, everyone is welcome to attend. DATED: February 16, 2023  
Bethany St. Hilaire, Town Clerk  
Town of Brasher

**OGDENSBURG LEGAL NOTICE**  
**City of Ogdensburg**  
**330 Ford Street**  
**Ogdensburg, NY 13669**  
Legal Notice – 2023  
February Sewer Rates  
February sewer rates are now due and may be paid at the City Comptroller's Office, Room 5, City Hall, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, for thirty (30) days from date of notice without penalty. **Please note that we do have a drop box on the Caroline Street side of the building marked "Envelope Depository".** After **Monday March 6, 2023**, a penalty of 10% will be added. Invoices have been mailed and should be presented when making payment. Failure to receive a bill does not entitle the customer to the net rate. You may now pay your City of Ogdensburg taxes and utility bills by Internet. Visit the City website at [www.ogdensburg.org](http://www.ogdensburg.org) to pay current and past due bills by credit card, debit card or e-check. **Please see the acceptance agreement for service charges.** If you have any questions, please contact the City Comptroller's Office at 393-1860. Dated: February 6, 2023  
Andrea Smith, Interim City Manager

**BRASHER LEGAL NOTICE**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to the Town Board and in compliance with section 166, Sub 11 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, all Town Roads in the Town of Brasher will be temporarily closed to all vehicles having a gross weight in excess of the posted weight of six tons, as requested by Larry Hewlett, Superintendent of Highways. Closings are in effect when posted and will remain in effect until the authorized removal of such signs.  
DATED: February 08, 2023  
Larry Hewlett, Highway Superintendent  
Town of Brasher

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Shangri La Lake Ontario LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-12-15. 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 Shangri La Lake Ontario LLC: 325 State Highway 11B Potsdam NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose



**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Deno's Construction & Properties LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 0003-01-06. 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 Bill Deno: 2731 County Route 21 Canton NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**HOPKINTON LEGAL NOTICE**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Resolution of the Hopkinton Town Board, St. Lawrence County, New York; and in compliance with Section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, all Town Highways in the Town of Hopkinton will be temporarily closed to all vehicles having gross weight in excess of five tons per axle, upon erection of signs and will remain in effect until the authorized removal of the closing signs.  
Dated: February 24, 2023  
Greg Crump  
Interim Highway Supt.  
Town of Hopkinton

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of 40 O'Horo Road, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-12-16. 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: P.O. Box 43 Hannawa Falls NY 13647. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Baxter's Powersports, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-10-11. 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 Troy Baxter: 255 Sykes Road Canton NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Grattan Medical Services PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-01-09. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Bruce J. Grattan: 448 River Road Potsdam NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Boomerang Flips LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-01-06. 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 Kerry Reome: 15 Baldwin Ave Massena NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**OGDENSBURG REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE  
Notice is hereby given that the Ogdensburg City School District will accept Proposals for the following specified group insurance benefits until March 22, 2023: Health Insurance All Proposals shall be clearly identified as Insurance Proposal for the Ogdensburg City School District. Copies of your Proposal should be forwarded to the District Office at the following address: Ogdensburg City School District  
Attn: Kevin K. Kendall, Superintendent  
1100 State Street  
Ogdensburg, NY 13669  
  
Please note that no formal opening of the proposals will take place. Proposals will be evaluated and the successful carrier(s) will be contacted directly no later than April 30, 2023. The District reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, waive formalities and to select the carrier and benefit options that best meet the needs of the District and its employees. The District reserves the right to select and terminate any servicing agent, agency, company or administrator. Inquiries, clarification, or requests by electronic mail should be directed by telephone or e-mail to the following district contact:  
Ogdensburg City School District  
Attn: Kaleb Bertrand, Business Manager  
1100 State Street  
Ogdensburg, NY 13669  
Kaleb.bertrand@slboces.c  
315-386-4504 Ext. 40295

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of 942 Ford Street LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-11-16. 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 Robert M LaFrance: 942 Ford Street LLC 11 Ridgewood Rd Ext Colchester CT 06415. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Mansfield View, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-02-03. 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 Mansfield View, LLC: P.O. Box 170 Piercefield NY 12973. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Natura LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-12-19. 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 Sarah Jolley: 301 Bagdad rd. Potsdam NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of OneLayr LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-12-05. 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 Diederick Van Haften: 323 Golf Rd W Palm Beach FL 33407. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Northern Foothill Holdings, LLC was formed on March 19, 2021. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 40 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662. Northern Foothill Holdings, LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Runk's Property, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-02-06. 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: 435B Riverledge Rd. Hammond NY 13646. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Sorrento Heating & Air Conditioning LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-01-20. 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 The LLC: 435B Riverledge Rd. Hammond NY 13646. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF COLTON**  
NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuant to the Town Board, and in compliance with Section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, all roads in the Town of Colton, will be temporarily closed to vehicles having a gross weight in excess of 6 tons. Road closing goes into effect upon erection of signs and will remain in effect until the removal of such signs.  
Dated: February 24, 2023  
Kevin Hawley  
Highway Superintendent

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Bill's Total Service LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-02-14. 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 Lisa Vanderwal: 1000 Patterson St. Ogdensburg NY 13669. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Runk's Property, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-02-06. 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: 435B Riverledge Rd. Hammond NY 13646. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**PARISHVILLE LEGAL NOTICE**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Town of Parishville and in compliance with Section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law all roads in the Town of Parishville will temporarily be closed to all vehicles in excess of six (6) tons including load. Closings are in effect upon the erection of signs and will remain in effect until the authorized removal of signs. Dated: February 21, 2023  
Steven Hart  
Highway Superintendent  
Town of Parishville

Notice of Formation of Trin LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2019-03-14. 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 Peter Nekos: 65 Main Street Potsdam NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of 8011 Development LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-11-22. 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 Sean Myers: 8011 U.S. Highway 11 Potsdam NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
1. The name of the limited liability company is 4THEM, LLC. 2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization is December 29, 2022. 3. The County wherein the office of the LLC will be located is St. Lawrence County. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent for service of process, and the address for a copy of such process may be mailed is: 12 Wayne Hunter Road, Waddington, New York 13694. 5. There is no registered agent. 6. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York. 7. The LLC will continue in existence until dissolved pursuant to an Operating Agreement. 4THEM, LLC Peter J. Backus 12 Wayne Hunter Road Waddington, New York 13694

**LISBON LEGAL NOTICE**  
The Superintendent of Highways of Lisbon, New York is hereby authorized to Post Town Roads in the Township of Lisbon. The Weight Limit will be posted at a maximum of four (4) tons per/axle. The posting will be in effect upon the erection of proper signs and will remain in effect until signs have been removed by authorization of the Town Highway Superintendent. Alberta L Hyde, Lisbon Town Clerk

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Morris View, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-02-03. 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 Morris View, LLC: P.O. Box 170 Piercefield NY 12973. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Town Board and in compliance with Section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic law all town roads in the Town of Stockholm will be temporarily closed to all vehicles having a gross weight in excess of 10 tons. Closings are in effect upon erection of signs and will remain in effect until the authorized removal of such signs.  
  
February 15, 2023  
  
Bruce Thompson, Highway Superintendent  
By order of the Town Board  
Town of Stockholm

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of TOQUE TAINO LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-01-05. 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 Anais Nieves: 127 S Racquette River Rd Massena NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
ATCK, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 2/8/2023. Off. Loc. : St. Lawrence Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to the LLC, 748 Irish Settlement Road, Waddington, NY 13694, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.





# Library director will retire after more than 20 years on job in Massena

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Massena Public Library Director Elaine Dunne is retiring after more than 20 years of service.

Town Supervisor Sue Bellor made the formal announcement during the town board's recent

meeting.

"I think we can all say that we will miss her. She has been the most proactive library director I've ever seen here in Massena. She'll be missed by patrons, friends and trustees of course," she said.

Dunne will officially retire on June 30, officials say.

"I have truly enjoyed my 23 years

at Massena Public Library and plan to continue being an active library patron and a member of the Friends of the Library. I will do my best to ensure a smooth transition to a new library director. I'm looking forward to devoting more time to my family, traveling and my volunteer responsibilities," Dunne wrote in her retirement announcement to

the board.

With Dunne announcing her retirement, the search will soon begin for her replacement. Officials say Joseph Savoca, who serves as chair of the library board of trustees, will help in the search process.

"There are certain things we have to go through for the North Country Library System as well as

what we have to do for the town. We'll start working on that process, but I do want to thank her publicly for all that she's done. I want to thank Elaine for her service, for her organizational skills, and for all that she's done at the local library and a whole lot more. She was a great grant writer for the library as well," Bellor said.

## ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sealed proposals will be received at the St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office, where they will be opened and read aloud for;

- (2023-08) RFP Public Transit Automatic Voice Announcement System for St. Lawrence County
  - (2023-09) RFP Public Transit Mobile WIFI System for St. Lawrence County
  - (2023-10) RFP Public Transit Security Cameras for St. Lawrence County
  - (2023-11) RFP Public Transit Automatic Vehicle Location System for St. Lawrence County
- Proposal Opening Date: Thursday, March 16, 2023 @ 3:00 PM**

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office, 48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617-1169 or by emailing Bids@stlawco.org.

We strongly encourage all vendors to submit proposals as soon as possible. Bidders will be fully responsible for the delivery of their proposals in a timely matter. Reliance upon the US Postal Service or other carriers is at the bidder's risk. Late proposals will not be considered. It is the intent to offer this public proposal opening in Zoom format as well as in-person. Please visit our website 15 minutes before the opening at: www.Stlawco.org - visit the Purchasing Office home page for the link.

All proposals must be accompanied by a non-collusion statement. St. Lawrence County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Please mark proposal envelope with the appropriate PROPOSAL ITEM AND NUMBER and mail to:

St. Lawrence County  
Purchasing Office  
48 Court St.  
Canton, NY 13617-1169  
February 16, 2023

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Birchwood Apartments, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-12-13. 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 Alicia Ward: 2089 River Road Potsdam NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose



## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Ogdensburg Bin Store 001 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 Nicholas Zirn: 14 Hamilton Street Potsdam NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

## ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEDURE LAW (EDPL) DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS OF PUBLIC HEARING HELD September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NO. PIN 7753.32 LAZY RIVER ROAD OVER GRASSE RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT TOWN OF RUSSELL, ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

In accordance with the Eminent Domain Procedure Law (EDPL), the following is a synopsis of the determination and findings that have been made regarding the proposed bridge replacement project on Lazy River Road over Grasse River in the Town of Russell, St. Lawrence County.

These determination and findings have been made in consideration of statements submitted by the public both during and after the public hearing held for this project. This project will proceed toward a letting scheduled for September of 2023. Acquisition of the right-of-way required is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2023.

The project involves the replacement of the existing bridge on an improved roadway alignment located north of the existing crossing with a 164-foot single span bridge. The proposed alternative was selected for its ability to meet the project objectives and being the most cost-effective. The project will improve the waterway opening and the hydraulics through the site to reduce backwater elevations and meet freeboard standards and will improve the safety of the roadway by mitigating all non-standard features within the project limits.

The project is subject to Federal review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and has been classified as a Class II Categorical Exclusion. It is anticipated that the project will be classified as an Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The proposed project is not anticipated to have any adverse cumulative effects on the surrounding area or the environment.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring of 2024 and last seven months. The roadway will be closed to demolish the existing structure and construct the proposed bridge. An off-site detour will be used to facilitate vehicle travel around the project. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained during construction.

Copies of this determination and findings will be forwarded upon written request without cost.

Those property owners who may wish to challenge condemnation of their property via judicial review may do so only on the basis of issues, facts, and objections raised at the hearing (§202(C) (2) of Article 2, EDPL).

Each individual assessment record billing owner ("property owner") or his or her attorney of record whose property may be acquired shall note that, under §207(A), a petition to seek judicial review of the condemnor's determination and findings must be filed within 30 days after the condemnor's completion of its publication of its determination and findings. Further, the exclusive venue for judicial review of the condemnor's determination and findings is the appellate division of the supreme court in the judicial department where any part of the property to be condemned is located (§207(B), §208).

Further information on this project is available upon request during normal working hours. Direct inquiries may be sent to:

Donald Chambers  
Superintendent of Highways  
St. Lawrence County Department of Highways  
44 Park Street, Canton, New York 13617  
dchambers@stlawco.org  
(315) 379-1542

## ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town of Massena will hold a Public Hearing and informational meeting on Monday, February 27th, 2023, at 1:00 PM in the Massena Town Hall, 60 Main Street, Massena, New York for the purpose of considering a local law for Tax Exemptions for Firefighters and Ambulance Personnel.

## PARISHVILLE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

PROJECT: WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS  
OWNER: TOWN OF PARISHVILLE

Separate sealed bids will be received by the Owner until 4:00 PM on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at the Parishville Town Office located at 1772 Route 72, Parishville, New York 13672 for the work described below at which time and place all such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Project work will generally consist of replacing the existing insulated watermain system on the NYS Route 72 bridge with a new insulated watermain system.

The Contract Documents under which the work is to be performed may be examined at the following locations:

- Tisdal Associates, 113 Main Street, P.O. Box 400, Canton, NY 13617
- Syracuse Builders Exchange, 6563 Ridings Road, Syracuse, NY 13206
- NNY Builders Exchange, 22074 FABCO Road, Watertown, NY 13601

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the Office of the Engineer, Tisdal Associates, at the address stated above upon deposit of \$100.00 per set. Refund bidder \$100.00 first set and \$50.00 all other sets. Refund non-bidder \$50.00 all sets. **If mailing of documents is required, a separate check payable to Tisdal Associates in the amount of \$15.00 per set (non-refundable) must be included to cover shipping and handling fees.** The Contract Documents may also be obtained on a compact disc (CD) with all drawings and documents in PDF format. The cost of the CD is \$25/per disc which includes shipping. This fee is non-refundable.

**Contract Documents, including the plans and specifications, remain the property of the Engineer and must be returned in good condition within thirty (30) days after award of Contract or rejection of bids. Any document holder returning Contract Documents in good condition will be refunded their plan deposit amount as set forth above.**

Each bid must be accompanied by bid security in the form, amount and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of opening thereof.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities if, in its opinion, such action is in their best interest.

The attention of the bidder is particularly called to the requirements of conditions of employment to be observed and the minimum wage rates to be paid.

Bidders are hereby informed that a pre-bid conference will take place at the Town Office on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

Signed: Connie Maguire - Parishville Town Clerk

Date: February 07, 2023

## ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Town of Massena, St Lawrence County, New York is seeking Statement of Qualifications from qualified engineering firms to provide professional services for the Service Area No. 1 Water District project as described in the Preliminary Engineering Report prepared by Barton & Loguidice, DPC dated June 2022. The services include design, bidding assistance, and construction administration phase services and construction observation. The Town of Massena Board will review and evaluate the proposals to select a single engineering firm.

All interested engineering firms seeking an electronic copy of the full request for qualifications should email the Town of Massena's Clerk, Jeannine Miller at townclerk@massena.us.

Statement of Qualifications will be accepted until February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023

Town of Massena  
Jeannine Miller, Town Clerk

## WADDINGTON LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE FOR APPLICATION OF FRANCHISE RENEWAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Spectrum Northeast, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, has filed an application for renewal of its Cable Television Franchise in the Town of Waddington, St. Lawrence County, New York.

The application and all comments filed relative thereto are available for public inspection at the Town of Waddington office during normal business hours. Interested persons may file comments on the application with the Town of Waddington clerk and with the New York State Public Service Commission within 10 days of publication. Comments may be addressed to Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223.

## ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

Riverside Cemetery of Norwood NY Annual meeting will be on Saturday March 11th, 2023. Meeting will be held at the Norwood Municipal Building at 11:00am. All are welcome. Organization is looking for new board members.



**KEEP INFORMED**  
Read the  
**LEGAL NOTICES**



## LISBON PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF A SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF VOTERS OF THE

### LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on January 19, 2023, a special meeting of the qualified voters of said District will be held in the School Auditorium located at 6866 County Route 10, Lisbon, New York on March 14, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the purpose of voting on the proposition described in the Notice of Special District Meeting hereinafter set forth by voting machine or paper ballot:

### PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Lisbon Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake a capital improvement project consisting of the reconstruction and renovation of, and the construction of improvements, additions and upgrades to various District buildings and facilities and the sites thereof, including the construction of a new transportation facility and related fueling, charging stations and an indoor bus storage facility, the purchase of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection with the purposes for which such buildings, facilities and sites are used, all to include site, access, parking, demolition, utility, mechanical, plumbing and electrical improvements as well as payment of professional fees and all other necessary costs incidental to such work, and expend therefore a total sum not to exceed \$16,174,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and to pay for such project by using any available funds, including State building aid and to the extent necessary, the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the School District to be collected in annual installments in the years and in the amounts as the Board of Education shall determine and in anticipation of such tax the District is authorized to issue up to \$16,174,000 of obligations of the School District, where such obligations may be issued in excess of the constitutional debt limitation of the District, and levy a tax to pay the principal and interest on said obligations when due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified voters of the District may obtain applications for an absentee ballot from the office of the Clerk of the District. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter in the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during each of the 5 days prior to the election, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, and shall also be posted at the polling place at the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military ballots may be applied for by qualified voters by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (315) 393-4951 or woods@lisbon.k12.ny.us. Completed applications for military ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2023. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. An individual will qualify as a military voter if he or she (1) is a qualified voter of the State of New York, who is in actual military service, and by reason of such military service is absent from the District on the day of the election, or is a voter who is discharged from military service within 30 days of an election; or (2) a spouse, parent, child, or dependent of such service member who is a qualified voter and is absent due to accompanying or being with the military service member.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Lisbon Central School District has previously complied with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (the "SEQRA Act"), Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, as amended, and the Regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation thereunder (the "Regulations"). No further action under the SEQRA Act and Regulations is required.



# St. Lawrence Health receives \$10M for obstetrics, rural family medicine

POTSDAM – St. Lawrence Health was notified Feb. 15, by the New York State Department of Health that Canton-Potsdam Hospital was awarded a \$7 million grant for an Obstetrics Expansion project, and a \$3 million grant for the construction of a Rural Family Medicine residency facility.

“The monies being allotted to St. Lawrence Health through the grants will allow us to improve the services we offer to all community members of the North Country,” stated St. Lawrence Health and Canton-Potsdam Hospital President Donna McGregor. “These expansions are consistent with the

entire system’s Rural Health Strategy.”

The Obstetrics (OB) Expansion project will be created on the fourth floor of the Regional Care Pavilion at Canton-Potsdam Hospital (CPH), which is currently under construction. As previously reported, the Pavilion will also house an expanded Emergency Department, single occupancy patient rooms, and a new entrance and lobby area. The new structure is expected to be completed in 2025.

The OB floor will include the construction of 12 labor and delivery rooms, two postpartum rooms, two C-section suites, and adminis-

trative space. It will also house the Maternal Wrap Around Program (MWRAP), and the Rural Lactation and Childbirth Education program.

A main highlight of the OB project will be private rooms for each patient, along with the ability to perform C-sections directly in The Birthplace suite.

The Family Medicine Rural Residency Program facility will offer a diverse experience in primary care medicine in the rural North Country setting. This new addition will be complimentary to the training programs currently in place between St. Lawrence Health and the local colleges/universities.

The grant funding will be used to construct a building in the Potsdam area with 16 exam rooms, a conference room, and office space for the program director, administrative support, and residents.

Upon reaching its third year, with four residents per class, the Program at CPH will be home to 12 residents each year.

Residents will be afforded experiences in community-based practices at CPH, while still having resources found in tertiary health-care settings in Buffalo and Rochester. This approach will produce highly qualified clinicians who are capable of working in a variety of

primary care clinical settings. CPH anticipates its residents will also have the chance to grow their own teaching skills as they work with a large group of third and fourth year medical students from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.

All medical school graduates must complete a period of Graduate Medical Education (GME), or residency training, to be licensed to practice medicine in the United States. During residency, doctors learn skills and techniques specific to their chosen specialty under the supervision of attending physicians and serve as part of a care team.

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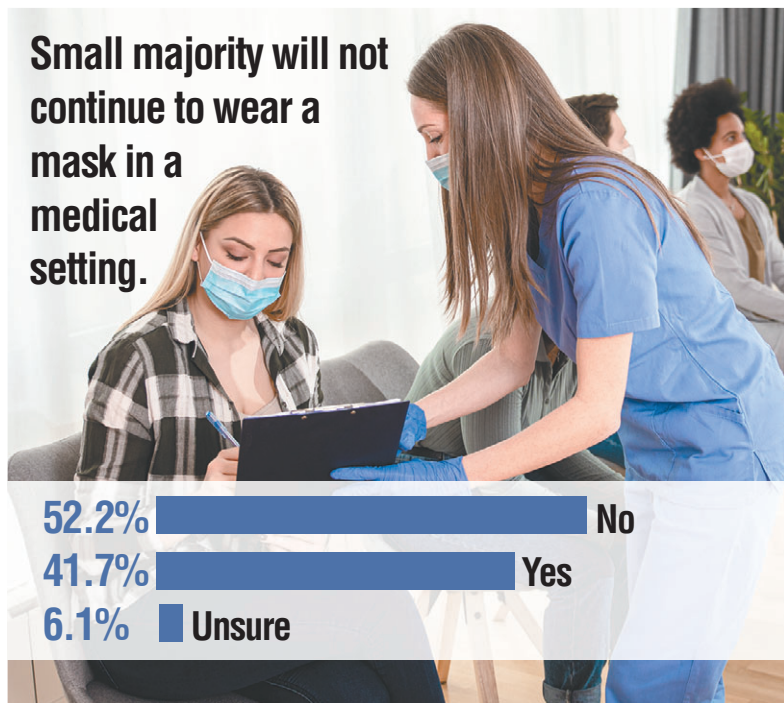
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## NCNOW SURVEY

### The Question:

# Will you continue to wear a mask in medical settings where it is optional?

**Small majority will not continue to wear a mask in a medical setting.**



Debbie Morgan | NCTW

**NEW YORK STATE WILL** no longer require masking at health care facilities, but a mask requirement is still in place at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center in Ogdensburg. A statement from St. Lawrence Health regarding masks at its healthcare facilities not yet been made. New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald stated that a steady drop in COVID-19 cases and deaths in recent months justifies this action. Will you continue to wear a mask in medical settings where it is optional?

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

'It's been proven that masks do not work.'

'If I'm around people inside and close together like waiting in line or shopping I will wear a mask to protect my health and family. It's simple. Getting ill isn't.'

'I guess it depends on the numbers at the time and how sick I am.'

'Absolutely not, enough with the masks already!'

'It only makes sense to mask during flu season when spending indoor time at large facilities where sick peo-

ple congregate.'

'I would not wear mask unless I was sick out of courtesy to others, if healthy, I would definitely leave mask off.'

'I continue to wear a mask in any setting where there are a number of people -- doctors' offices, hospitals, stores, meetings, church, etc. I had a mild case of COVID last summer that it took me several months to recover from; I don't want that experience again. Yes, I have had my vaccinations. and boosters, but that does not mean that I am not being sensible with masking, handwashing, distancing, and maintaining a good immune system. I wonder if these medical facilities care about how their patients feel about masks being optional?'

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

**TO TAKE THE CURRENT SURVEY**, visit [bit.ly/3lihpzb](http://bit.ly/3lihpzb).

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:** Do you support dash cams on DPW plow trucks in St. Lawrence County?

## LETTERS

### Corrections Supervisor's Assoc. backs Engle

The St. Lawrence County Corrections Supervisor's Association, Council 82 Local 2390S, is proud to announce our endorsement of Detective Patrick "Rick" Engle for St. Lawrence County Sheriff.

Rick Engle has devoted his entire career to Country and community. As a veteran of the United States Marine Corp, Rick developed the skills, understanding and determination necessary for a lifelong commitment to service. Upon completion in the armed services, Rick soon after joined the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office and is now entering his 23rd year of dedicated service, having started as a Deputy on Road Patrol and working tirelessly to promote through the ranks to Detective in the Investigative Division. It is a privilege to work with Rick at the County Jail when circumstances warrant his involvement. His understanding of the jail, its staff and the ever-changing demands of the Corrections profession make him a welcome addition to our team.

Rick Engle will tell you he is just a 'common man', eager to do his best for the community. If you have had the pleasure of meeting or working with Rick you would find his integrity, honesty and genuine respect for those around him far exceeds that of the 'common man'. Rick's humble and level headed approach to any situation allows him to make sound decisions that support and benefit the mission of the St. Lawrence

**'Rick Engle has devoted his entire career to Country and community.'**

**St. Lawrence County Corrections Supervisor's Association**

County Sheriff's Office, staff and community we all serve.

Patrick "Rick" Engle is a true leader who has and will always put the safety, security and wellbeing of the public first and foremost. Rick is not the traditional politician of today, as Sheriff we are confident he will put the interest of the community and his entire staff ahead of his own.

We encourage you to join the St. Lawrence County Corrections Supervisors Association in supporting Patrick "Rick" Engle for St. Lawrence County Sheriff. We believe Rick is the most qualified candidate for this position and will take the office of the Sheriff to a new, welcome level of humility, professionalism, and integrity.

St. Lawrence County Corrections Supervisor's Association

### Anarchy is now a reality

Anarchy is now a destructive reality in this country; thanks to secessionists, QAnon followers, government-haters, anti-abortionists, libertarians, Trump devotees, evangelical extremists, Stefanik voters, anti-vaxxers, constitutionalists, election-deniers, NRA activists, the Freedom Caucus and white supremacists (not "antifa", blacks or anyone else Tucker Carlson laughably tries to blame it on).

These right-wing radical groups all have one thing in common: they get their members angry at something, but that anger accomplishes nothing. Their leaders sow seeds of discontent, resentment, resistance and discord. But none of these emotions lead to a functional family, a cohesive community, a stable society or a productive government. Just chaos.

It might appear that the friction is between Republicans and Democrats. But I think the division lies between those championing rebellion and those trying to promote rationality. It doesn't seem to take much for profit-driven media and self-serving individuals to incite rebellion by falsely alarming people that their "rights" as a citizen are being violated.

Note that Gov. DeSantis always claims to be protecting "constitutional rights" while violating them. "Don't Say Gay". What happened to "free speech"? Banning books. What happened to "free

press"? That hypocrisy is true for all of these extremist groups; quick to anger people about their "rights" while abusing the rights of others for their own purposes.

These extremist factions have no social or moral conscience about spreading conspiracy theories, false data, hateful words and lies. They take no responsibility for the resulting anarchy of mass killings, hate crimes, domestic terrorism, defamation, treasonous insurrection and donation/campaign fraud.

Extremism serves as a diversion from an important question. Do we want a country of anger-driven anarchy or a people coming together to build a nation supporting the common good with

insightful vision and compassion? Anyone who isn't helping our communities to heal and our government to unite has already revealed their answer.

Martha Hodges  
Massena

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## Assemblyman Gray offers video updates

Assemblyman Scott Gray (R-Watertown) is introducing a new video series called 'The Gray Area,' which will briefly recap his week in Albany. In the first video of this series, Gray discusses Albany Democrats' Resolution that returns Assembly proceedings to COVID-era empty-seat voting and thanks the various groups and individuals

### Viewpoint

who took the time to meet with him during the week.

"It is my hope that these videos are informational and encourage

even more folks in the 116th Assembly District to interact with my office," said Gray. "I thank my staff for their continued hard work on constituent cases and we hope to see you in either my Albany or District Office in the near future!"

Watch episode one of 'The Gray Area' here: [https://youtu.be/4eh-GnAWTW\\_Q](https://youtu.be/4eh-GnAWTW_Q)

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# The power of the fork can help save the planet The nutritional, environmental and ethical consequences of consuming animal products

BY RANDY JOHNSTON

Plant-Based Lifestyle Advocate

Like most of us, I was introduced to Carnism by my parents and unfortunately never really questioned the choice to consume animal products until many years later. As a result, I was Comfortably Unaware (Oppenlander) of the nutritional, environmental, and ethical consequences associated with the choice to consume animal products.

It isn't very often that I see medical and/or nutritional research which connects what I consider to be the three food choice criteria which are nutrition, the environment, and ethics (animal rights).

### Ethically problematic

As a result, I was pleasantly surprised to read an editorial published within the February 1, 2023 edition (volume 188) of The American Journal of Cardiology titled Are We What We Eat? The Moral Imperative of the Medical Profession to Promote Plant-Based Nutrition (Hull, Charles and Kaplan).

The editorial opened with "The typical Western diet, high in processed and animal-based foods, is nutritionally and ethically problematic.

Beyond the well-documented cruelty to animals that characterizes the practices of the factory-farming industry, current patterns of meat consumption contribute to medical and moral harm in humans on both an individual level and a public health scale.

We aim to deconstruct, by highlighting their fallacies, the common positive and normative arguments that are used to defend current nutritional patterns.

Animal-based foods promote the mechanisms that underlie chronic cardiometabolic disease, whereas whole-food plant-based nutrition can reverse them. Factory farming of animals also contributes to climate change, antibiotic resistance, and the spread of infectious diseases. Finally, the current allocation of nutritional resources in the United States is unjust.

A societal shift toward more whole-food plant-based patterns of eating stands to provide significant health benefits and ethical advantages, and the medical profession has a duty to advocate accordingly.

Although it remains important for individuals to make better food choices to promote their own health, personal responsibility is predicated on sound advice and on resource equity, including the availability of healthy options.

Nutrition equity is a moral imperative and should be a top priority in the promotion of public health." The nutritional consequences associated with the choice to consume animal products has been very well established for many decades."

### Minimizing animal products

Independent peer-reviewed literature has connected the choice to consume animal products with various forms of cancer, arthritis, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, high blood pressure and other common ailments.

The solution often suggested within this literature is to minimize or eliminate the consumption of animal products while at the same time increasing the consumption of plants in their rawest forms.

The solution too often recommended by the medical profession is a prescription drug which lacks root cause analysis, rather than the suggestion of a lifestyle change related to food choices.

Hippocrates, knowing of the healing properties of foods, who is often referred to as the father of medicine, stated "Let food be thy



Whole-foods and plant-based patterns of eating may provide significant health benefits.

medicine, let medicine be thy food."

It would seem that Hippocrates would agree that the medical profession has a moral obligation to promote plant-based nutrition.

### What is 'healthy'?

An October 11, 2022 . Times Union article titled Commentary: Physicians need better training in nutrition (Barnett, Friedman and Graff) stated "Nearly 80 percent of Americans are confused about which foods are 'healthy.'

Who can blame them, when Time magazine proclaims 'Eat Butter' on its cover? (Tip: Butter is not healthy.) And when people are eventually diagnosed with obesity or heart disease, their physicians are often unprepared to discuss which foods are actually good for them.

It's not the doctors' fault, since medical schools often don't teach our physicians enough about nutrition...With life expectancy in the U.S. dropping for the second year in a row due to conditions including COVID-19 and heart disease, both of which are impacted by diet, continuing medical education in nutrition for physicians is direly needed."

A February 13, 2023 Boston Globe article titled Could a more plant-based diet help you avoid taking certain medications? (Gagosz) stated "Our research supports that changing to plant-based nutrition can improve your weight, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, inflammation, sexual function, energy, bowel function, and auto-immune disorders.

We have found that those who participate in the program lose an average of 4 pounds in one month.

Those with a BMI of 30 or more lose an average of 5 pounds over the month. That's healthy — you don't want people to lose 15 pounds at once and then binge eat and gain it all back. But we've also found that people's total cholesterol decreases by 25 mg/dL on average over the month.

In the past, nutrition really hasn't been discussed in great detail in medical schools. A lot of patients who come to me say they were given the option to go on medication or the doctor might say they should look into changing their 'diet' but don't give them any tips on how they could start that process.

Patients are also often told that something could be 'genetic,' which sometimes translates

to something they have to accept when that isn't true."

### Lifestyle Medicine is growing

The following was provided to me by Dr. Melissa Sundermann, DO, DipABLM, a physician who is double board-certified in Internal Medicine and Lifestyle Medicine with over 20 years of clinical experience:

"I attended medical school and residency during the late 90s and between those 7 years of medical education, I received approximately 17 hours of nutritional education. Most of this curriculum was focused on biochemical principles and rare diseases that could result from nutritional deficiencies.

Once I entered clinical practice, I felt ill-prepared to actually counsel my patients with regards to a healthful dietary pattern. I have always considered myself quite healthy and I believed I was 'eating clean' according to what I had learned mainly through media outlets. Fast forward to 2018 when I decided to pursue a pathway towards board certification in Lifestyle Medicine.

This journey required taking a deep dive into evidence-based nutrition...and I was shocked! So much of what I believed to be true was not supported by science. I learned about the power of plants (fruits, vegetables, beans, wholegrains, nuts/seeds) and their power to not only prevent chronic disease, but also to possibly reverse diseases such as type 2 diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia and obesity.

I also learned that 80-90% of chronic diseases are primarily lifestyle related. Yes, genetics do play a role, but to a much lesser extent than lifestyle behaviors. Researchers at the Mayo Clinic looked at data from a representative sample of 4,745 people who participated in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)

They found that less than 3 percent of Americans live a 'Healthy Lifestyle' as defined by four qualifications: 1) Moderate or vigorous exercise for at least 150 minutes/week, 2) A diet score in the top 40 percent on the Healthy Eating Index, 3) A body fat percentage under 20 percent (for men) or 30 percent (for women), 4) Not smoking.

These findings suggest we have a lot to do to improve the overall health and well-being for



Food is medicine.

our patients. Thankfully the American College of Lifestyle Medicine has made great strides to educate clinicians across the globe to help shift the paradigm of medicine from a 'sick-care' model to a 'well-care' system.

Lifestyle Medicine is a medical specialty that uses therapeutic lifestyle interventions as primary modality to treat chronic conditions including, but not limited to, cardiovascular diseases, type 2 diabetes and obesity. Lifestyle medicine certified clinicians are trained to apply evidence-based, whole-person, prescriptive lifestyle change to treat and, when used intensively, often reverse such conditions.

Applying the six pillars of lifestyle medicine—a whole-food plant-predominant dietary pattern, physical activity, restorative sleep, stress management, avoidance of risky substances and positive social connections can help to optimize health and well-being and hopefully not only treat many chronic diseases, but also prevent these disease states from happening in the first place.

I am very grateful to be a part of the growing community of Lifestyle Medicine. We are a passionate and energetic group of clinicians and researchers with the shared goal of not only advancing our patient's lifespans, but more importantly their 'wellsprings'.

What is longevity without vitality after all? Martin Luther King, Jr summarized this point beautifully with his quote, "The quality, not the longevity, of one's life is what is important."

### The ethics of eating

I was fortunate as a university accounting faculty member to be involved with a working group which was formed to make recommendations to the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board pertaining to their initial Meat, Dairy and Poultry sustainability reporting standards, as a result I saw literature from around the world with respect to those industries.

I also taught a capstone business ethics course which required students to independently research and discuss the environmental consequences of animal agriculture. The research results consistently established that animal agriculture used excessive amounts of water, land, antibiotics and feed/food inputs. Those industries also excessively polluted water, were a leading contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, land degradation, deforestation and promoted losses of biodiversity.

Given the "well-documented cruelty to animals" that is associated with the choice to consume animal products, I will not mention the various forms of extreme cruelty imposed upon these intelligent, sentient and emotional beings from the time they are born until their lives end at the slaughterhouse.

'Isms' such as racism, sexism, ableism, classism and many others are condoned, yet on a daily basis speciesism is accepted and promoted by the majority of us via the willingness to consume animal products.

An article titled Why the Meat Paradox Causes Cognitive Dissonance (Mackenzie) and the book Why We Love Dogs, Eat Pigs, and Wear Cows (Joy) explain the disconnect associated with the choice to consume animal beings.

Life is life, farm animals are no different than our pets, some farm animals are more intelligent than our pets, and like our pets they have individuality. When you eat meat, the choice you make isn't what type of meat you are going to eat, rather it is who you are choosing to eat. What you choose to put on your fork has lots of power.

Randy Johnston of Potsdam is a plant-based lifestyle advocate.



## Aretha Franklin tribute on stage



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The cast of R.E.S.P.E.C.T. launch through a classic Aretha Franklin hit. The show will be coming to Ogdensburg on March 10.

OGDENSBURG — R.E.S.P.E.C.T., a celebration of the music of Aretha Franklin, will be next show in the Ogdensburg Command Performance series on Friday, March 10 at 7:45 p.m. at Ogdensburg Free Academy auditorium.

Ticket costs range from \$19 to \$43, with prices for seniors, students and groups of 15 or more.

R.E.S.P.E.C.T is an electrifying tribute celebrating the music of the legendary Queen of Soul that takes audiences on a journey of love, tragedy, courage & triumph.

Starring a live band and supreme vocalists, this

concert features all your favorite hits including Natural Woman, Chain of Fools, and Respect.

You'll be out of your seat & dancing in the aisles as you lose yourself in the music that inspired a generation.

Come experience a night of music by one of the greatest artists of all time.

Aretha Franklin's name and likeness are used with the permission from the Aretha Franklin Estate.

Info: 315-393-2625, ocp@ogdensburgk12.org, www.ILoveTheatre.org.

## Reception planned for art show

MASSENA — Massena Artist's Association will stage its annual Open Show from March 3-24 at the Massena Library with a special opening reception planned for March 4 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

An awards presentation will be at 11:30 a.m. during the reception.

The show will be viewable during normal library hours 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.

Adult and high school student artists living within a 100 miles will be featured in the show with up to three entries for each artist in a variety of media including pastel, acrylic, oil, drawing, sculpture, watercolor, mixed media and photography.

An awards presentation will be at 11:30 a.m. during the reception.



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Exhibit goes view artwork in last year's open show hosted by the Massena Artist's Association. The association will host a reception on March 4 for this year's open show.

First, Second and Third place ribbons will be awarded to the top three works in both the student and adult categories.

Three members of the Massena Artists Association will judge the student's artwork and 3 students led by an assigned art educator will judge the adult's artwork.

Art submitted for the show may

be designated for sale. Massena Artists Association will arrange the sale directly between the artist and buyer.

The Massena Artist's Association meets on the first Tuesday during the months of January, March, April, June, August, September and November at 1:30 p.m. in the Massena Public Library.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### SATURDAY, FEB. 25

#### Senior Citizens dance

MASSENA — Massena Senior Citizens hosts dance at 61 Beach St., with Play Back performing from 5 to 9 p.m. Cover charge is \$5 per person. Doors open at 4 p.m. and the kitchen serves food from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The public age 45 and older are welcome.

#### LaRose benefit

NORWOOD — A benefit with music, raffles and food for Russ LaRose on Feb. 25 at the Norwood American Legion from noon-5 p.m. LaRose was diagnosed with liver, lung cancer and other life threatening health issues. Admission: \$5, includes food. Cash bar. Door prize, raffles.

#### Back Water Duo

OGDENSBURG — The Backwater Duo will perform at 6 p.m. at The Bayside Grill, 1702 Ford St.

#### Book lovers party

NORWOOD -- Book lovers party for kids Saturday, Feb. 25, from 1-3 p.m. at the Norwood Municipal Building. Featuring a Snowflake Bentley story time with special guest Mr. Bastille and his puppet, along with cookie decorating, treats, and crafts. Organized by the Norwood Public Library, in coordination with the NHN volunteer group and the Norwood Recreation department.

#### Fish fries begin

LISBON — The Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual fish fry at the station every Friday from 4:30-7 p.m. starting Feb. 24 until April 7. Sit down or take out orders will be available. Menu: fresh skinless haddock fillets, homemade mac-n-cheese or homemade French fries, coleslaw, and a roll. Hot dogs are also available. Cost: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, or \$5 for hot dog meal.

#### Blood drive

HEUVELTON — The Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive in Heuvelton, Feb. 25, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Pickets Hall & General Store, 83 State St. Info: RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 26

#### History program

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg History Museum, 206 Ford St., will host a free public program with Town of DeKalb his-

torian Bryan Thompson on Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. about Nanny, who was an enslaved person owned by the Hasbrouck family. Info: Julie Madlin at 315-528-0733 or email jmmadlin@gmail.com.

### MONDAY, FEB. 27

#### Safe Driving course

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg City School District will offer a 5-hour Safe Driving course Feb. 27 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Feb. 28 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Call Cindy O'Grady at 315-393-0900 x31920 to register.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 28

#### Book Lovers Party

NORWOOD -- "Book Lovers Party" for kids will be held Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 1-3 p.m. at the Norwood Municipal Building. Snowflake Bentley story time with special guest Mr. Bastille and his puppet, along with cookie decorating, treats, and crafts. Organized by Norwood Public Library, with NHN volunteer group and Norwood Recreation department.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3

#### Art show

MASSENA — Massena Artist's Association will stage an art show from March 3-24, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Open to all adults and High school students. Submit art on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 5-7:30 p.m. or Saturday, Feb. 18 from 10-12:30.

#### Lenten fish fry

MASSENA — Lenten fish fry to benefit Massena FUMC & The Community Meal at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 189 Main St. on March 3. Eat in will be 3:30-5:30 p.m. Take out will be from 5-6 p.m. Pre-order: 315-769-8036. \$15 per person. Choice of fried or broiled fish or fried shrimp, French fries or macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, roll & butter, dessert (includes a drink for those eating in). \$5 per child age 10 and younger. Choice of fish sticks or chicken tenders, French fries or macaroni and cheese, dessert.

#### Hospital tour

OGDENSBURG — Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center, 214 King St., is inviting graduate nurses to the hospital audito

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**RIUM** on March 3 at 5 p.m. for a dinner presentation outlining current, available nursing opportunities and then tour the facility. RSVP to Eliza Dusharm by March 1 at edusharm@chmed.org.

**SAT., MARCH 4**  
**Free tax prep**

**OGDENSBURG** – Super Saturday free tax preparation services will be offered March 4 at SeaComm's Ogdensburg Branch from 8 a.m.-noon. This event is an opportunity for low and moderate-income working individuals and families to have their income tax return prepared free of charge. Eligibility is generally limited to taxpayers with an income under \$60,000. Make an appointment: 1-800-764-0566. Info: www.seacomm.org.

**Primitive biathlon**

**LISBON** — The Fort La Présentation Association will hold its 9th annual St. Lawrence Valley Primitive Snowshoe Biathlon on Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5 at the St. Lawrence Valley Sportsman's Club located off State Highway 37 in Lisbon. The event will kick-off at 10 a.m. and close at 2:30 p.m. on each day of the event. Registration: \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door; once registered, runners can run the course a second or third time for an additional \$5 fee. Info: www.fort1749.org, 315-212-6213.

**Perch fish fries**

**MASSENA** — Amvets Auxiliary 4 will host weekly perch fish fries at the post at 12 Andrews St. starting Friday, Feb. 24 from 4-6 p.m. Take-out only. Cost: \$16. Info: 315-764-0686.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

**Black Lakers Band**

**HEUVELTON** — Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host a dance featuring the Black Lakers Band on March 5 from 1-5 p.m. Cover: \$5.

**WEDS, MARCH 8**  
**Amvets meetings**

**HEUVELTON** — Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St. will meet March 8 at 6:30 p.m. The Auxiliary will meet March 11 at 11 a.m. and the Sons of Amvets will convene March 12 at 1:30 p.m.

**THURS., MARCH 9**  
**7 brides, 7 bros**

**MADRID** — Arts Program of NNY presents the musical Seven Brides for Seven Brothers on March 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. and March 11 at 2 and 7 p.m. at Christian Fellowship Center, located in the old elementary school. Tickets: \$5-\$15. Info: TheArtsProgram.Org.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10**  
**Food pantry open**

**HOPKINTON** — The Hopkinton Food Pantry will be open March 10 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m. inside town hall. The pantry is open the second Friday of each month.

**Youth meeting**

**OGDENSBURG** — Seaway Youth for Christ is holding a youth meeting on Friday, March 10 from 7-9 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 401 Franklin St. Info: 315-528-4574, 315-416-0425.

**Kids Expo**

**CANTON** — North Country KIDS EXPO will return to the Roos House at SUNY Canton on Saturday, March 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Kids and family activities, play zones, on-site demonstrations and chances to gather information from local businesses, organizations and vendors who cater to families of the North Country. Free for age 12 and younger, \$5 Admission for those 13 and older. https://www.visitstlc.com/kids-expo/.

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Nicandri Nature Center | Submitted

**Dashing through the snow**

Ron Jacobs (112), Wendy Jacobs (111), and Kelly Laffin (110) snowshoe in the Snow Dash event held at Nicandri Nature Center Feb. 18. It was a fundraiser put on by the Massena Class of 2025.

**Blood drive on Saturday**  
**At Pickens Hall & Store**

**HEUVELTON** – The Red Cross has planned a blood drive in Heuvelton, Feb. 25, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Pickens Hall & General Store, 83 State St.; To donate blood download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with

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**Lecture about enslaved person at Ogdensburg History Museum**

**OGDENSBURG** — Visit the Ogdensburg History Museum, 206 Ford St., on Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. for a free public program with Town of DeKalb historian Bryan Thompson. He will give a lecture about Nanny, who was an enslaved person owned by the Hasbrouck family. Thompson grew up in Gouverneur and attended Cornell University. He is a researcher and has written and

lectured extensively on a number of local history topics. Thompson was the 2009 winner of the NYS Archives and NYS Regents Bruce W. Dearstyne Award for excellence in educational use of historical records. He was a featured lecturer at the state Association of Public Historians Conference in 2022. For more information contact Julie Madlin at 315-528-0733 or email jmmadlin@gmail.com.

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**Trinity Catholic registration**

**MASSENA** — Trinity Catholic School will host student registration and open house from Feb. 27 through March 3. Open house hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., with extended hours on Thursday 3:30-6 p.m. Other appointment times are also available upon request. Trinity Catholic School offers an excellent academic program with classes from Pre-K3 (must be 3 years old by Dec. 1, 2023), through 6th grade with small class sizes, and a nurturing environment with

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**Navigate Grief at Hospice**

**OGDENSBURG** — Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley will host "Navigating Grief Together," a six-week support group, in Ogdensburg for widows and widowers. Navigating Grief Together is designed to provide a supportive space in which members can learn about grief, discuss their unique experiences and empower each other to grieve in an effective and healthy manner that works for them. Each week the group will explore a different topic related to grief including acute grief, how grief can be emotional and physical, ideas for coping, and how to create an endur-

ing connection with the person who died. People who would benefit from this group include those who had a spouse/life partner/significant other die at least six months ago. This is not a therapeutic support group but rather a social support group for those in the community already working on their grief. The group will meet in person Thursdays starting March 9, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the Seaway Valley Prevention Council Training Center, 206 Ford St., first floor. Info: Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley's Bereavement Program, 315-265-3105.





Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce | Submitted

The 49th annual Tri-Town Winter Carnival parade held in Winthrop Feb. 18 included this year's Royalty Float. It included, from left, King Tim Durant, Lynne Durant, Missy Seguin (King and Queen's Dog), Queen Jacque Seguin and Jerje Demers-St. Hilaire.

## Tri-Town Carnival celebrates Mardi Gras

BRASHER FALLS – Mardi Gras was celebrated North Country style at the 49th annual Tri-Town Winter Carnival Feb. 16-19.

Cold weather activities included snow sculpture and longest icicle contests. A snowshoe/cross country and snowmobile poker run were held, with adaptations due to lack of enough snow this year.

The winter carnival's opening ceremonies started off Thursday night with the crowning of royalty at the Riverview, Brasher Falls.

Rick Seguin and Jacque Seguin were crowned this year's King and Queen. The royal couple represented the Town of Brasher. Other royalty members crowned were Ellen Fukes and Allen Fukes as Senior Queen and King, St. Lawrence Central Seniors Jerje Demers-St. Hilaire as Princess and Robbie Houle as prince, Lynne and Tim Durant as Royal Court representing the Town of Lawrence, and Heather

and Shaun Cocayne as Royal Court representing the Town of Stockholm

A Mardi Gras themed masquerade ball with live music and food by Gideon's Gallery was held at Pike's Place.

A wide variety of events throughout the carnival included a mentalist from Syracuse, a parade in Winthrop, as well as a pooch parade, snow baby and winter carnival beauty pageant, piano recital, and fireworks.

Contests included shuffleboard, cornhole, pool, tug-of-war, a dart tournament and a Hot Wing eating contest at Frank's Pizzeria.

A Kid Zone was held at the Elementary school with bounce houses, child crafts, family swim, Lego Robots and Coding, and fun interactive games. A craft fair was also at the school to benefit St. Lawrence Central Back Pack Program. Story time was held at Badenhausen

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Food and drinks included a spaghetti dinner at Winthrop American Legion, chicken BBQ at North Lawrence Fire Dept. and s'mores bonfire at High Peaks Winery. Sip and Paint was held at Creative Endeavors in Brasher Falls.

The Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce organized the Winter Carnival, with several committees responsible for events and raffles.

"All of the chamber members are volunteers living in the Tri-Town area. We do not own businesses in the Tri-Town area. We are just keeping the tradition of the Winter Carnival alive for our children and grandchildren to enjoy," said Tari Burnett, Tri-Town Chamber Member.

"Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the Tri-Town Winter Carnival. We're hoping it will be epic," Burnett said.

## Cannon fire lights up the streets in Ogdensburg

OGDENSBURG — When British and Canadian reenactment troops of the War of 1812 attacked Ogdensburg Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18 and 19, they were met by current St. Lawrence County Sheriff Brooks Bigwarfe.

The Battle of Ogdensburg transported the public to Feb. 22, 1813, when British and Canadian forces crossed the ice-covered St. Lawrence River to confront American forces in the town of Ogdensburg.

After much cannon and rifle firing between the two forces, the battle ended with the capture of Sheriff Bigwarfe, who portrayed real-life hero Sheriff Joseph York.

"Sheriff York refused to leave his post, even when he faced possible death at the hands of the invaders,"

said organizer Timothy Cryderman. "Sheriff York and his wife, Lovina York, were genuine heroes of the War of 1812 who stood up to the British invaders and risked their lives for our community."

On Sunday, Feb. 19, the Battle continued at Van Rensselaer Point, also known as the Lighthouse Point.

That portion of the battle portrayed the attack of the fort itself by the British and Canadian forces, resulting in the retreating of the American forces to Sackets Harbor, New York.

The historic battle was narrated by local historian Jim Reagen.

The Fort La Présentation Association, in conjunction with Forsyth's Rifles Reenactor group, hosted the Battle of Ogdensburg.

## Juried art exhibit to open

OGDENSBURG - The Frederic Remington Art Museum's 2023 College Student Juried Art Exhibition will open on Friday, Feb. 24. The exhibit will be on view in the Museum's Richard E. Winter Gallery and Torrey Family Gallery and online at [www.fredericremington.org](http://www.fredericremington.org).

The public is invited to a special virtual opening reception on Friday, Feb. 24 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom. The reception offers an opportunity to view the entire group of artworks in the show, to talk with the artists and the juror, and to hear which works were selected for Juror's Merit Awards.

Many of the student works on display in the Remington exhibit will be for sale. One third of the proceeds benefits the Frederic Remington Art Museum, and two thirds go to the artists. In addition

to the on-site exhibition, the exhibit will be online at [www.fredericremington.org](http://www.fredericremington.org) and artworks may be purchased through the Museum's online shop.

The student artists in the exhibition are: Alise Babbie, Noah Bonesteel, Zoe Brothers, Zach Buzzell, Abigail Duquette, Roscoe Duquette, Alexander Finkey, Cam Ghadfa, Rachel Hoffstatter, Hannah Hotaling, Jordyn Jones, Kathryn Jones, Ayisha Khalid, Alyssa Landry, Kayla Lester, Virginia Lucchetti, Alissa Lyga, Madison Mundy, Sarath Novas, Rachel Pietryka, Chelsea Reilly, Yader Rivera, Jose Abel Santiago, Felicity Sarsfield, Madelyn E. Thompson, Cici Waugh, Melody Webster, Daniel Wellings, and Katie Wojnowski.

The exhibition will be on display through Sunday, March 26, 2023.

## Non-profit conference kicking off Feb. 28

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce and the Northern New York Community Foundation are pleased to announce the return of the annual Non-Profit Conference.

This year's conference is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Best Western University Inn, 90 E. Main St.

This year's conference, sponsored by the Northern New York Community Foundation, is encouraged for staff, directors, and volunteers of non-profit and not-for-profit organizations.

The theme of the conference will be shared as a keynote address by Max DelSignore, Assistant Director of the Foundation. His address is titled "Your Mission Matters: A Three 'S' Plan to Ensure the Community Understands and Appreciates Your Organization (Storytelling, Sustainability, and Stewardship)."

Subsequent sessions will include "The Quest for the Grant: Sources, Tips and Tricks" presented by Felicia Neahr of North Country Grant Writing and Consulting; "Building a Sustainable Non-Profit Organization" presented by Jill Breit, Executive Director of Traditional Arts of Upstate New York; and "Effective Marketing Strategies for Non-Profits" presented by Brooke Rouse, Director of Tourism at the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, and small business owner.

"We're thrilled to host the

Non-Profit Conference again. This year's program promises to provide invaluable strategies that non-profit leaders in the region can employ to build sustainability in their organizations and communicate their work to the community," said Ben Dixon, the Chamber's Executive Director.

"It is also a great opportunity to interact with peers and form a stronger network in the non-profit world."

Event proceedings will include networking with light refreshments. A \$10 registration fee applies.

The 2023 Non-Profit Conference is part of the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce "Love Local" campaign, which encourages community members to show their love and support local businesses and organizations during February. Other Love Local programs have included promotion of gift cards and e-commerce, a business-to-business mixer, a webinar on promoting one's business, and more.

The Chamber's Love Local campaign is sponsored by STLC Chamber Leadership Circle members NBT Bank and Alcoa.

To register for the February 28th event, go to [www.slccchamber.org](http://www.slccchamber.org) and look for the "2023 Non-Profit Conference" link on the Calendar of Events section, call the Chamber at 315-386-4000, or visit them at 101 Main St. Info: Laura Pearson at [Laura@SLCChamber.org](mailto:Laura@SLCChamber.org) or call

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## A rundown on DIY demos

Homeowners looking to make improvements to their homes likely want to make such projects as budget-friendly as possible. After soliciting estimates from contractors, homeowners may seek to do some work themselves in an effort to cut costs. There are important things to keep in mind when doing demo.

- Prybars are your friend. These tools, sometimes called crowbars, can be used to remove nails or pull materials apart.
- Exercise caution when removing drywall. You don't know what is behind the drywall, including electric wires,

so be careful when choosing a spot to make the first hole in the drywall.

- Get a trash container with a gate. You'll save yourself some aches and pains by being able to fill a wheelbarrow and dump in into the container, rather than having to toss debris over the top.
- Bust up heavy or bulky items. Cast iron tubs and shower surrounds can be heavy and difficult to move. Unless it's a family heirloom, cut or break large items into pieces to remove them more easily
- Use safety gear.



Gail Bice | Submitted

### Stopping by to eat

This blue jay was spotted feeding at the feeder of Gail Bice in Madrid Springs.

### Shrub, seed program deadline

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting orders for its annual tree seedling and shrub program through Friday, Feb. 24.

Quantities are limited and Soil and Water recommends submitting orders early to have the best chance of fulfillment.

Eighteen types of plants plus other supplies are available.

All species of trees and shrubs come in a bundle of 10 except for blueberry shrubs which come in a

pair of 2. With the pricing starting at \$20 and going up to \$40.

Proceeds of the sale benefit conservation projects in the County. Tree delivery date is expected to be April 13 and 14.

To place an order or to get more information visit [www.slcswwd.org](http://www.slcswwd.org) and click the link for the tree sale.

Also contact the Soil and Water Conservation District office at 315-386-3582 or come visit at 1942 Old DeKalb Rd.



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# How to approach a basement remodel

A fully finished and functional basement is a dream for many homeowners.

Such a space, when completed, can serve as an entertainment space, a man cave, an artist's studio, or any number of additional functions.

Despite their usefulness, finished basements are something of a rarity.

In an analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Survey of Construction, the National Association of Home Builders® found that only around 24 percent of single-family homes built in 2018 have basements.

Homeowners who do not currently have a finished basement but are considering such a project can approach the remodel with a few key factors in mind.

Careful consideration of these factors can ensure the project is budget-friendly and worthy of homeowners' investments.

· **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.

Remodeling magazine reports that a midrange basement remodel costing around \$70,000 will provide a return of around \$49,000 (or 70 percent) at resale. Though that's not a poor return on investment, homeowners who are remodeling a basement solely for the potential ROI at resale can find other projects that provide a greater return.

· **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. These issues can be costly to address, and they must be remedied before the basement remodel can begin.

· **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. An inspection in advance of a remodel can give homeowners an idea of what they will need to do to bring the basement up to code. Local officials also can provide a list of necessary permits and a detailed description of requirements to ensure the remodeled basement adheres to code.

· **Soil:** Soil surrounding the home should be tested prior to beginning the project. Radon is an odorless gas found in soil that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes can increase individuals' risk for lung cancer. Radon can seep into basements and increase that risk even further if it is present at elevated levels in the soil surrounding a home. Radon tests are simple and inexpensive, and no basement remodel project should begin without first conducting such a test.

Finished basements are valuable spaces.

Homeowners who want to finish or remodel their basements should consider a host of factors before beginning the renovation.

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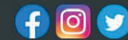
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# Spring cleaning tips and tricks as winter winds down

Spring cleaning projects are popular this time of year as residents take inventory of their living spaces and aim to declutter, clean and increase efficiency.

Some people find the prospect of getting organized overwhelming. Here are some tips that can help anyone master spring cleaning.

• **Create a plan.** Make a checklist and establish a cleaning plan of attack. Focus on areas that are not regularly cleaned, as they probably need a little attention.

• **Curate your cleaning playlist.** Create a playlist with songs that will get you moving and motivated to clean.

• **Work from top to bottom.** Work efficiently by cleaning shelves, ceiling fans and other elevated items first, as dust and

debris will trickle down and need to be cleaned next.

• **Purchase or rent a carpet cleaner.** By deep cleaning carpets, homeowners can improve the indoor air quality of their homes. Use a carpet cleaner on a warm, dry day so that windows can be opened and cross breezes will help dry the damp rug.

• **Clean windows.** Wash windows inside and out and utilize their screens to help brighten indoors spaces.

• **Deep clean the kitchen.** Clean out and disinfect the refrigerator by wiping it down with warm water and baking soda or a vinegar-and-water solution. While in the kitchen, set the oven to the self-clean function so it becomes cleaner as well.

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## Make backyard dog-safe

According to the American Kennel Club, the amount of exercise a dog needs depends on the animal's age and breed.

For example, border collies or Siberian huskies may require much more exercise than English bulldogs, simply because the former are working breeds.

Pet owners with large backyards often find those outdoor spots are ideal for when their dogs get the "zoomies," something that tends to be a daily occurrence.

Letting their dogs run around yards, whether on their own or chasing tossed tennis balls, is an ideal way to provide exercise and tire out pups. In such scenarios, it's vital that pups have a dog-friendly yard in which to play.

Here are more tips:

- Use safe lawn care products. An expanse of grass is the perfect place to frolic or enjoy some sunbathing - for people or pets. But contact with chemically treated lawns can cause a number of health issues for dogs, such as allergies or intestinal upset.
- Switching to native grasses can reduce the need to use chemicals to get lush lawns. When supplementation is needed, homeowners can switch to organic products or natural compost as safer alternatives than chemical-based products.
- Fence off the yard. Off-leash running and bounding through the yard will make any dog smile. However, a fence is a must-have to ensure a dog doesn't become an escape artist. Be sure the fence is high enough so that the pup cannot jump over it. Burying chicken wire in the dirt beneath the lower edge of the fence also can help prevent dogs who like to dig from exiting by crawling underneath the fence.

## Sustainability workshops

POTSDAM — SUNY Potsdam's Wagner Institute for Sustainability and Ecological Research and the Department of Biology will host a WISER Escape from Winter event on Friday, Feb. 24.

**Barrington Student Union**

- Food security tabling (9 a.m.-2 p.m.): Local non-profit organizations will host tables in the lobby and be available to share info on efforts to improve local food security.
- Paint a pot, pick a plant, take a plate (9 a.m.-4 p.m.): The women's rugby club has sponsored this plant sale event, which also gives visitors the opportunity to paint the pot and choose a plate for their new plant-a great deal for a small donation.

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- Office plants and how to care for them (10-11 a.m.): WISER Coordinator Ray Bowdish gives a hands-on workshop to help you develop a "green thumb" in your office.
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- Open greenhouse (12-2 p.m.): The WISER Center and Greenhouse will be open for tours. Staff members will be present to answer questions about the facilities and its activities.
- Aeroponic garden workshop (1-2 p.m.): Student intern Harper Barrett will guide a hands-on workshop showing participants how to construct and plant a Tower Garden.
- Wander around the WISER tour (4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.): Stop in for a casual tour and Q&A about the WISER Center facilities and activities.
- Greenhouse 101 (6-8 p.m.): WISER Coordinator Ray Bowdish will share his more than 40 years of experience to demonstrate how modern greenhouses operate. The benefits and challenges of growing in controlled environments will be addressed, and participants will be encouraged to operate environmental controls and irrigation equipment.

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# What to do about moss in your lawn this spring

A lush, green lawn is a point of pride for many homeowners. Eye-catching landscaping anchored by a healthy lawn is one of the key ways to improve the value and curb appeal of a home. In fact, the experts at HGTV say an attractive and well-maintained landscape can add as much as 10 percent to the value of a home. Maintaining a thriving lawn takes effort, and that means recognizing when the green in the yard may not necessarily be coming from soft blades of grass. Invasive greenery, including moss, can infiltrate a lawn and that can be problematic if left unaddressed. A mossy lawn is a sign that certain conditions are ripe for the moss, but not necessarily the grass, to grow. According to Lowes, moss thrives in certain conditions, which should be addressed if homeowners hope to corral it. Moss does well in acidic soil, more so than traditional grasses. A soil test can confirm if the pH needs to be adjusted to make it more hospitable to grass and less friendly to moss. Compacted soil and excess thatch can make it easier for moss to take root. These conditions also can make the soil damp and restrict drainage, something that promotes moss growth. Moss can grow in shady conditions. If patches of the lawn have been overrun by moss, there could be too much shade in the area. Trimming back trees or shrubbery may help; otherwise, homeowners may need to look into hardscape or plants that thrive in such conditions to remedy shady and damp areas on portions of their land-

scapes. Moss typically can be removed the same way one would dethatch a lawn. It involves rigorously raking or agitating the lawn to loosen the moss. This can be done by hand with a rake, or in the case of a lot of moss or a large lawn, with a dethatching blade attachment for a lawn mower. Aerating the soil will help keep moss that was removed from returning. In addition, amending the soil so that it has a more dense nutritional profile by adding com-

post, as well as improving drainage and adjusting the pH, are keys to keeping moss from returning. For pesky moss, The Spruce suggests making a solution of one box of baking soda to two gallons of water and spraying this solution on the patches of moss. It is a natural alternative to using chemical products. Certain sources indicate a glyphosate herbicide could work on moss, but the World Health Organization considers glyphosate to be a probable human carcinogen and it is prohibited in certain areas.

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## CANDIDATES...

the chief fiscal officer for the Ogdensburg Diocese.

He also served as business manager for Morristown Central School and served on the Ogdensburg City School District Board of Education for 10 years.

Tooley says he's hoping things can be less personal if he's elected mayor. He knows disagreements can exist but wants to see them handled with less animosity.

"When people disagree with one another there is no need to make the disagreement turn personal," he said.

Tooley said that in recent years he's seen council members make personal attacks on social media, use the city website as a platform to criticize county legislator candidates and create a poor atmosphere between council and staff. He says such actions are inappropriate.

Tooley, who frequents city council meetings and often provides critiques, criticisms suggestions and sometimes praise, said that he tries to be balanced in his approach.

Tooley has been vocal in sharing his concerns about the city's decision to cut taxes by 20% in recent years and as well as the city's decision to keep this year's hike to just 2%. He said the cuts were too aggressive given the uncertainty of the city's new sales tax formula.

Tooley thinks council has done too much, too fast, but added that he believes their intention was to make the city a better place.

"I think every council has made attempts, in their own way, to make things better and I do think that is true with the current council. I just don't agree with everything that they've done to get there," he said. "I want to see if a new city council can take a step forward and help things in the city improve," he said.

Tooley is a long-time Republican, but recently switched parties. He said he's always considered himself a moderate as far as politics go.

Storm Cilley, a former city councilor who served on city council from 2010 to 2013, has a lengthy background in education and is a long-time member and chief of the Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad. He has been among those who have shared their criticism of former City Manager Stephen Jellicoe and the many decisions made by council in the past three years. He said he was urged to run for office by members of the public.

"After these guys kind of started destroying our city, I got frustrated with it," he said.

Cilley said many approached him about running for mayor, but said he believed Tooley had a stronger background for that seat.

Like Tooley though, he said he wants to rebuild relationships between state and county officials that he believes have been destroyed in recent years. Even more, Cilley wants to rebuild trust with staff and citizens of the City of Ogdensburg.

Cilley says recent cuts to public safety jobs have hurt the city, whether it be reductions in the police force or the fire department. He said the city lost a lot of great employees who can't easily be replaced.

Cilley said he's also skeptical of the current council's presentation of numbers. He wants to see the comptroller's position restored and adequately staffed.

"I feel with my experience and the community's support we can get things back on track," he said.

Cilley said he would make no

promises about "fixing" all the city's problems, but said he wants to see the city council become a more honest and open government.

Stevenson is owner of Blue Heron Realty and community volunteer. She has often criticized council for its lack of decorum and had encouraged council to seek guidance on government operations as well as how to properly run meetings.

She served on the city council from 2012-2020. She said she was asked by city residents to run for council in recent years.

Stevenson said that if elected she wants to see the council work toward balancing expenses with services and rebuild relationships with county and state officials.

"I know it's a struggle for most people to pay taxes, water and sewer but there has to be a balance between taxes and services," she said.

Stevenson said she also wants to see civility return to the council.

"We have to work as a team, whether it be council, mayor, city staff, other municipalities, elected officials. We need to be able to have civil conversations."

Michael Weaver announced his plans to run for a council seat Feb. 20.

"My name is Michael Weaver. I am a resident of Ogdensburg. I am a retired entrepreneur, former business owner, and security officer. I am presently on the Ogdensburg planning board, Elks Lodge House committee, Knights of Columbus member, Pride and Beautification board. I am a former Rotary president and board member," a statement issued by Weaver said. "If elected I would like to work on reducing taxes, work to rebuild infrastructure, work on improving the riverfront, I would like to see an amphitheater built. These are some of the things I would like to work on if elected, bring normalcy back to council."

It's unclear at this time if the incumbents will seek reelection, however should Rishe decide to run, a primary would be likely as only three council seats would be available for the four Democrats.

However, it's likely the seat held by Nichole Kennedy will also be up for grabs as she recently shared plans that she'd be moving from the area at the end of the school year. However, that would likely have no impact on a primary.

So far, no one is officially on the ballot as petitions will still need to be circulated, signed and filed.

## CLAIM...

posted on their Facebook page that it is business as usual for the department.

"Louisville Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the community for the support and encouragement we have received. Your 100% volunteer fire department will continue to respond to all emergencies we are called upon in the town of Louisville and the surrounding communities as we always have. If you need assistance don't hesitate to contact us," the post read.

Attempts to contact the department were unsuccessful.

Massena FD Foreman Aaron Hardy, who serves as a professional firefighter and code enforcement officer, praised the work being done by both professional and volunteer staff, along with the unity among the department.

"These guys have had some very tough situations in recent weeks, some very hard scenes to work and I have to say that everyone keeps showing up with a smile on their faces. They all come to do the job,

day in and day out," Hardy said.

According to Hardy, this is the best relationship between volunteer and career staff that he's seen in his time with Massena.

"Everyone gets along great, the communication has been awesome and it's just one big team. We're all supporting each other and working together to help the community the best we can," Hardy said.

Town of Massena officials said they had no comment on the potential lawsuit.

It is unclear at this time if Perez will file a lawsuit against the Louisville and Massena Fire Departments, as well as the Towns of Louisville and Massena. But the claim he filed gives him the ability to do so.

Perez is being represented by Jorge Marquez and John Keenan of the Warren Law Group, based in New York City.

The notice was filed against Louisville and Massena fire departments, along with the towns of Louisville and Massena for \$4.5 million by Dr. Wilfredo Perez, owner of the Java Veterinary Center.

Also put on notice were the Akwesasne, Potsdam, Madrid, West Stockholm, Norfolk, Brasher-Winthrop, and Waddington fire departments.

The Java Veterinary Center, located on Route 56 just outside of Massena, was declared a total loss following a fire on Oct. 28. The fire, initially reported just after 3 a.m., was put out before rekindling around noon. The fire rekindled again a few hours later, leading to a total loss, according to officials at the time.

In court documents obtained by North Country This Week, the claims against the towns and fire departments "are for negligence and other related causes of action in light of the fact that the firefighters who responded, and the way they responded to the fire, created a special relationship with Dr. Perez such that liability attaches."

Responding departments for the initial call included Massena, Louisville, Akwesasne, Potsdam, Madrid, West Stockholm, Norfolk, Brasher-Winthrop and Waddington.

When the fire rekindled, Massena Louisville, Norfolk, Brasher-Winthrop, Madrid and Waddington responded, with Massena Volunteer Fire responding with an aerial truck as well, documents state.

Court documents attempt to bring into question why area fire departments that responded initially to the fire had removed their personnel and resources from the scene prior to the first rekindle around noon that day.

Documents also state, "upon information and belief, only the Louisville Fire Department responded to the second rekindling that occurred on Saturday,

October 29, 2022. Thus, the aforementioned fire departments may bear some or all responsibility for the loss suffered by Dr. Perez."

No injuries were reported but at least two dogs were lost in the fire.

Java Veterinary Center also offered boarding services for North Country Residents.

In an exhibit attached to the court documents, Assistant Chief Patrick O'Brien of the Massena Volunteer Fire Department wrote a letter addressed to Dr. Perez, explaining the "Chief of Louisville Fire will make the final determination as to cause of the fire utilizing the investigative reports provided to him by the fire investigators from the St. Lawrence County Fire Investigation Team as well as the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control," per New York State General Municipal Law §204-D.

According to the letter, the clinic was within the Louisville Fire District, leading other departments to act in support of Louisville.

"The mutual aid departments responding to assist Louisville Fire are not involved in the cause and origin determination or subsequent fire investigation," O'Brien wrote.

The GoFundMe, established by Perez shortly after the fire, has since ceased accepting donations after experiencing severe backlash online.

A benefit dinner was also held on Nov. 13 at Eyland's restaurant in Massena, with many local businesses and local residents participating. Seven different dishes were served, along with baskets and prizes for raffles. Donated items included a 55" TV, Adirondack chair set with a firepit, a "basket of cheer", lotto ticket tree, doggie baskets and a 50/50 raffle.

On Dec. 3 the Moose Lodge hosted a Skillo Bingo fundraiser, which also included surprise raffles and 50/50 tickets.

Local musician Tracer James hosted a lap steel Christmas concert on Dec. 9, selling tickets for \$10 each to benefit the rebuilding efforts of the Java Veterinary Center.

It is unclear if any of the funds obtained by Perez were used in the pending legal case.

Perez posted to his GoFundMe on Jan. 28, updating the community on progress being made on a new structure being built just behind the original Java clinic

"Construction began in November 2022 just weeks after the fire. Your generous donations have helped cover 1/5th of the total cost which is approximately \$300,000. Loans and earnings generated from our clinic operations in its temporary location have helped cover the remainder of the costs. We are forever grateful to the community for its continued support and will continue to give back with affordable services and loving care for our fur babies," the post reads.

## BUDGET...

will be restricted. Brady said the district is still awaiting final word but if the funding is as restricted as expected it is a concern for the district.

Officials say the district is set to receive \$34.7 million in foundation aid, a rise of nearly 18% compared to last year.

Expense-based aid will likely be over \$8.5 million, which is an increase of 9.42%, Brady said.

Building aid is currently estimated to be \$6,752,375, an increase of 29.96%, due in large part to the ongoing capital project. Officials say the project should be completed sometime this fall.

"I want to also temper that with the fact that we're looking at these years where there could be some issues with funding, and this is not a final budget. I want to be clear on that. This is the governor's proposal. Where it ends up in April with the Legislature is not quite clear yet, but we certainly hope our legislative leaders will support it," Brady said.

Officials noted administrators have submitted budget requests that total around \$1.7 million.

Brady said the finance committee is continuing to work through budget requests, noting that those requests will need to be decided on during the budget process.

Revenues for the district are expected to be over \$68.5 million, with total expenditures totaling \$69.1 million.

Appropriated fund balance money will have to be used to cover the remaining \$472,786, Brady said.

The remaining \$472,000 is actually a decrease compared to this year where fund balance appropriations to balance the budget totaled \$988,000.

Brady also said that salaries are expected to increase 10.4%, while the Employee Retirement System will see a 19.7% increase. The Teacher Retirement System will see a 7% increase, while workers' compensation will increase 10.6%, Social Security will rise 13.1%, health insurance will increase 8.9% and total benefits will increase 9.6%.

"Our TRS rate is going up, but that's more related to the fact that in this budget we're looking at adding some staff, and when you add staff and payroll, that means your TRS rate goes up," Brady said.

Despite many hardships and uncertainty over the state budget, officials are hopeful they can maintain the current tax levy.

Officials say the estimated tax cap from 2023-24 is 3.92%, bringing in over \$581,000 more than 2022-23.

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## Section of St. Lawrence Centre mall to turn into warehouse



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Demolition work is underway at the St. Lawrence Centre mall in Massena. The former Hills end of the mall will be turned into warehouse space with crews installing six truck loading docks.

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI  
North Country This Week

MASSENA – The St. Lawrence Centre mall will soon be home to warehouse space after Town of Massena Planning Board members approved a site plan for modifications.

According to planning board documents, the former Hills end of the mall will be turned into warehouse space. Demolition is already underway with LaVack's Custom Builders on site to install the six approved truck loading docks.

Architect Brooks Washburn designed the project, according to documents.

Mall officials say 161,000 square feet of the mall would be used in the project, leading to the total demolition and rebuild of the former Hills wing of the mall through and including the former food court.

According to documents, the project will use a staged building permit meaning that the project will progress in phases.

Phase one includes the installation of the truck loading docks, with phase two encompassing the redesign of the middle area between the food court and former Hills store.

Phase three would include the demolition and use of the food court, according to documents.

Fork lifts will be used mall officials said they would only use electric models, not combustion models, documents state.

Additional security will also be added for door permissions and access to ensure the space is safe. No shelving will be used either, with only large, bulk products being stored in the area.

Mall officials and Washburn told the planning board the space will hopefully be utilized by larger companies like Amazon or WalMart.

Additional lighting will also be added over the loading docs, Washburn told planning board members.

According to documents, the planning board also set a number of stipulations, including a requirement that existing outdoor lighting must be maintained by the mall. Signage must also be changed out on and around the building to identify warehouse traffic and unused signage on the east end of the mall must be removed.

All new signs added must also follow town code and not be dynamic LCD/LED flashing signs, planning board officials said.

Planning board members also stipulated that all materials stored in the warehouse must follow S1 and S2 occupancy guidelines, meaning no flammable or explosive materials can be stored.

No timetable was given for project completion, nor was any specific company mentioned in meeting minutes confirmed to already be utilizing the space.

A call to mall management and planning board officials for comment was not immediately returned.

## Farm worker overtime regulations finalized

The New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) had adopted final farm labor overtime regulations, codifying Commissioner Reardon's order that accepted the Farm Laborers Wage Board's report and recommendations in September.

The phased-in, gradual reduction in the overtime pay threshold will begin on January 1, 2024, with the threshold set at 56 hours. The process will continue with the overtime threshold limit reducing by 4 hours every other year until reaching 40 hours in 2032.

Beginning in 2020, the Farm Laborers Wage Board held public

hearings to gather testimony from farm owners, workers, advocacy groups, and academic researchers. Recordings of these hearings and additional materials are available on the NYSDOL's webpage.

In her State of the State Address, Governor Hochul announced a series of new initiatives designed to bolster demand for New York State foods, increase the purchasing of local farm products, and encourage investments to modernize New York's farms. The Governor and the New York State Legislature also recently enacted new tax credits to assist farm employers to ease the implementation of the lower over-

time standard.

The Investment Tax Credit was increased from 4 percent to 20 percent for farm businesses, providing an encouragement for potential automation of farm production.

The Farm Workforce Retention Tax Credit was increased to \$1,200 per employee to provide near-term relief to farmers.

A refundable tax credit was established for overtime hours paid by farm employers at the level established by the new regulation up to 60 hours.

For more information about the new regulations, visit the Farm Laborers Wage Board webpage.

## SeaComm hires, promotes

MASSENA -- SeaComm has added new staff and has made internal promotions within the organization.

Jess Roach of Adams has been promoted to Interim Branch Manager at SeaComm's Watertown branch location. Prior to joining the SeaComm team, Jess served as Senior Loan Officer at United Neighbors Credit Union, which merged with SeaComm in 2021. In her new role, Jess oversees branch operations, including teller and lending functions, and ensures high member service standards.

Mark Kalloz of Essex Junction, VT, has been appointed to the role of Assistant Branch Manager at SeaComm's Essex, VT branch location. Mark was specifically hired for the position, and he came to the credit union with more than 11 years of management experience. Mark is originally from Gettysburg, PA, and he studied at Shepherd College in West Virginia before earning his master's degree from Savannah College of Art & Design in Georgia.

Amber Burke of Massena was recently promoted to Accounting Manager, based at the credit union's headquarters. In her new capacity, Amber supervises the daily opera-

tions and workflow of the Accounting department. Since joining SeaComm in 2013, Amber has served in numerous roles including Accounting Clerk, Accounting Specialist, Senior Accounting Specialist, and most recently Staff Accountant. Amber holds a bachelor's degree from SUNY Potsdam and is presently pursuing an additional degree at Brandman University. She is currently a member of the Young Professional Commission of the New York State Credit Union Association.

Shawn Spadaccini of South Colton has been appointed to the position of Assistant Branch Manager at SeaComm's Potsdam branch location. Shawn was specifically hired for the position, and he has held numerous roles in the financial service industry throughout his career, including Teller, Personal Banker, and Loan Operations Representative. Shawn earned his associate degree from SUNY Canton, where he is currently studying to complete his bachelor's degree in finance. In his new role, Shawn assists in managing the daily operations of the branch while empowering staff to deliver quality member service.

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

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

## Trivia Test

- TELEVISION: What was the name of the saloon in the 1960s series "Gunsmoke"?
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1 Sailing vessel  
6 Clear the deck?  
9 Kitten's cry  
12 A Marx brother  
13 Low digit  
14 "Xanadu" band  
15 Baby hooter  
16 Florida city  
18 Handsome guy  
20 Convent dwellers  
21 Brooch  
23 Tool set  
24 March honoree, for short  
25 Fed. food inspector

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27 Grinding tooth  
29 "At once!"  
31 Attention-getting call  
35 Senior member  
37 Lingerie fabric  
38 Houston player  
41 Sports drink suffix  
43 TV spots  
44 Foolproof  
45 Go places  
47 Florida city  
49 Revise  
52 Tokyo, once

53 "Humbug!"  
54 Keaton of "Annie Hall"  
55 Lair  
56 Bikini top  
57 Old anesthetic

**DOWN**

1 HBO competitor  
2 Attorney's field  
3 Florida city  
4 Pundit's piece  
5 "The Chosen" author Chaim  
6 Cuban rum cocktail

7 Burden  
8 Zing  
9 Convened  
10 Justice Kagan  
11 In the — way (very much)  
17 Preambles  
19 Spock portrayer  
21 Young seal  
22 Leb. neighbor  
24 — Paulo  
26 President Jackson  
28 Carter of "Wonder Woman"

30 Overly  
32 Florida city  
33 Vintage  
34 Approves  
36 Sultry singer Kitt  
38 Queried  
39 Soft leather  
40 Check the fit of  
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### Visiting Assistant Professor- Psychology (Potsdam, NY)

**Position Summary Guidelines:** THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT CLARKSON UNIVERSITY invites applications for a 2-year visiting assistant professor position in the area of health psychology. The position starts August 15, 2023. Responsibilities involve teaching 3 courses per semester, including Introduction to Psychology, Health Psychology, and courses in their area of expertise. The ability to teach upper-division coursework thematically falling into the areas of health care, health science, health outcomes across the lifespan, or child and adolescent mental health would be welcome, but not necessary. The department is committed to intentional and ongoing engagement with diversity, equity, inclusion and community, and recognizes the intellectual value of doing so for the science and the practice of psychology.

**Minimum qualifications:** Ph.D. in Psychology -All Ph.D. requirements should be completed by the time work commences.

### Assistant/Associate Professor Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (Potsdam, NY)

**Position Summary:** The Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (MAE) Department of the Wallace H. Coulter School of Engineering at Clarkson University invites applications for a tenure track position at the Assistant or Associate Professor rank in Aerospace Engineering starting in the 2023/24 academic year (August 1, 2023 preferred). A Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering or related area is required. Applications are sought from an individual with a research focus in space engineering, which may include, but is not limited to: guidance, navigation, and control (GNC), systems engineering and integration, space systems/vehicle design, space robotics and mechatronics, space logistics and manufacturing, or other related areas of aerospace engineering..

**Minimum qualifications:** Doctorate in Aerospace Engineering, Mechanical Engineering or a related discipline. Research interests in at least one of the areas identified above. A record of scholarship consistent with experience level. A commitment to teaching excellence.

### Visiting Assistant Professor- Psychology (Potsdam, NY)

**Position Summary Guidelines:** This position provides critical services for day-to-day operations of the Chemistry Stockroom, a central science stockroom for the Potsdam Hill Campus, at Clarkson University; and support for the department undergraduate teaching and research labs of the university.

**Minimum qualifications:** B.S. or M.S. (preferred) degree in Chemistry or closely related field. At least two years wet lab experience with knowledge of typical stockroom operations.

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

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**Assistant Professor of Marketing (Potsdam, NY)**

**Position Summary Guidelines:** Guidelines: Clarkson University's David D. Reh School of Business seeks a teaching-track faculty at the Assistant Professor, Instructor, or Professor of Practice rank in the area of Marketing to begin August 1, 2023. Successful candidates will be able to teach a variety of undergraduate and graduate marketing courses including principles of marketing, consumer behavior, marketing research, and new product development. Candidates near PhD completion and applicants with a Master's degree and substantial work experience in the area of marketing will be considered at the Instructor or Professor of Practice level. A doctorate in Marketing or related discipline is required for an Assistant Professor. A teaching-track Assistant Professor is expected to teach 3 courses per semester (i.e., 6 courses in an academic year) and produce impactful scholarship that advances the teaching and practice of marketing and related fields. The standard teaching load for an Instructor or Professor of Practice is 4 courses per semester (i.e., 8 courses in an academic year). The selected candidate is expected to actively participate in the School's (and University's) shared-governance, by serving on relevant faculty committees, and be part of our collegial environment. Assisting our University's efforts to market our programs is another service possibility. In addition to having the relevant academic credentials and experience, the selected candidate will demonstrate sustained engagement activities necessary for maintaining faculty qualifications consistent with our AACSB accreditation standards.

**Minimum qualifications:** Masters in Business Administration, Marketing, or similar.

**Experience:** The preferred candidate will have demonstrated significant work-related experience, as well as collegiate teaching experience.

**Visiting Assistant Professor- Comm, Media & Design (Potsdam, NY)**

**Position Summary:** The Department of Communication, Media & Design at Clarkson University invites applications for a Visiting Professor position in Digital Art within its Digital Arts and Sciences program. We seek a colleague who embraces coding and interactivity within a creative practice that engages with the contemporary critical discourses that inform visual and digital culture. The successful candidate will have opportunities to effect curricular innovation and shape technological initiatives and multidisciplinary collaborations within the department and across the university. Preference will be given to candidates able to teach in one or more of the following fields: generative, interactive and algorithmic art practices; app and game design and development; VR/AR/XR and code-based approaches to 3D imagery and animation.

**Minimum qualifications:**

- Terminal degree (M.F.A. or Ph.D) in a relevant field of study.
- Active track record of exhibition and/or publication.
- Proficiency in teaching computer programming within a creative context.
- Solid grounding in the theories and principles informing art & design.

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

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**HEAD START has the following openings:**

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**Home Based Visitors for various areas in St. Lawrence County:** Must be at least 21 years of age and have a valid clean NYS Driver's license. CDA credential, Early Childhood Education or plan of study required. Experience with preschool children preferred. Position includes weekly home visits with families. An agency vehicle is provided.

Substitutes in all positions are needed.

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



**Skilled Trades**

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 12pm – 8:30pm 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>.

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The Research Foundation for the State University of New York invites applications for a Project Staff Specialist in the office of TRIO Student Support Services (SSS). This position is grant-funded through the US Department of Education. TRIO SSS provides support to first-generation, low-income, and disabled undergraduate students. The goal of the program is to help students achieve and maintain good academic standing and graduate timely through the provision of holistic, wraparound support services. Program Coordinator responsibilities include, but not limited to: Create a welcoming and inclusive environment by providing excellent service to students, faculty, staff, student workers, and other TRIO constituents; Provide administrative assistance necessary to support a student services program; Recruit, hire, supervise, and evaluate student office staff; Serve as the primary liaison with Computing & Technology Services in the creation of program specific reports; Manage program data and its integrity, analyze trends, and generate statistical reports concerning program objectives; Compile and analyze student data to be submitted as part of the Annual Performance Report; Assist with the development and preparation of the program budget and track all federal, state, and foundation funds. To review complete job description including minimum and desired qualifications and experience and instructions on how to apply, visit Research Foundation Employment | SUNY Potsdam. EOE

Trinity Catholic School is accepting applications for a Principal effective July 1, 2023. Applications due: May 1, 2023. To apply please send cover letter, resume, completed application form, transcripts and 3 letters of recommendation to: Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSJ, Superintendent of Schools, PO Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. The application is available online at [www.rcd-ony.org](http://www.rcd-ony.org) at the Education link.

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SUNY Potsdam Child Care Center, Inc. is accepting applications for the following positions: **A Full Time Assistant Preschool 4 Teacher and 3 Part Time Floaters to work with infant, toddler, preschool and school age children.** Qualifications needed: HS diploma and experience working with young children. Wages are commensurate with qualifications. Apply online at [www.potsdam.edu/community/spccc](http://www.potsdam.edu/community/spccc). Email letter of interest, updated resume and three current reference letters to: Lori Moulton



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at [moultoj@potsdam.edu](mailto:moultoj@potsdam.edu) or mail to SPCCC, 185 Outer Main Street, Potsdam, NY 13676. Applications accepted until positions are filled. SPCCC, Inc. is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

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Brushton-Moira Central School District (EO/AEE) is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

**Instructional**

- Speech and Language Teacher/Speech Language Pathologist (immediately)
  - Music Teacher-Vocal (2023-2024)
  - 7-12 Science Teacher (2023-2024)
- Literacy Teacher (anticipated for 2023-2024)

**Non-Instructional (immediately)**

- 4.75-hour Bus Driver/2-hour Monitor (anticipated)\*
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**Deadline to apply - Until filled**

Applications can be found at  
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Individuals should submit a letter of intent, resume, application, transcripts & certification (if applicable), & 3 letters of recommendation to:  
**Brushton-Moira Central School, Attn: District Office,  
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**Health Occupations Teacher**

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Queries should be directed to:

**Tina Hammill**  
Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES  
PO Box 28, Malone, NY 12953

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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

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