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Dog Sanctuary revisiting site plan

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON – Comments at a public hearing on the Town of Canton’s new zoning law held Wednesday, June 14, were not about the law itself but concerns about the dog sanctuary on Rt. 68 while new information about plans from the kennel owners were also voiced.

Debbie Bridges, co-owner of Maple Ridge Kennels, informed the town board that modifications have been made to the facility for noise abatement and fencing has been improved. She also noted that plans for the kennel have changed, previous applications have been withdrawn and a new site plan adding permitted services only to the business will be submitted for town planning board review in July.

Previous applications have been withdrawn, Bridges noted.

She said the special use variance will allow for a new vet clinic and animal clinic. She said all the rescue animals are evaluated with no risk of disease and that a 1,000 gallon septic tank will handle the fecal matter.

“There is no disease risk from our animals and no problem with waste,” Bridges noted.

Bridges also pointed out that all dogs are enclosed from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. to alleviate the barking.

“Most of the neighbors appreciate our efforts,” she said.

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Submitted

Eileen Visser, Potsdam, paddles her kayak on a prior excursion before her upcoming 2,200-mile Northwest Passage expedition.

First through passage?

BY CHERYL SHUMWAY
North Country This Week

POTSDAM – A Potsdam woman hopes to be on the first team to successfully paddle 2,200 miles through the Northwest Passage in one season.

Eileen Visser is part of the “Arctic Cowboys,” a four-member kayaking team attempting the Arctic route between northern Canada and the North Pole, launching July 1.

“This is a chance of a lifetime!” said Visser. “I love the challenge of it, and it’s too good an opportunity to not do.”

The Arctic route has had dramatic sea ice melt in recent years. The entire

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Potsdam to notify encroachers

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM – A few Pierrepont residents living next door to the 30-acre Postwood Park lot owned by the Town of Potsdam may be getting a letter from the municipality soon.

A recent survey of the town’s Postwood Park acreage in Hannawa Falls shows several encroachments by private residents living adjacent to the park and the town is taking steps to notify them and re-establish the park boundary.

The Town of Potsdam owns the park which is located in the Town of Pierrepont, and runs its summer recreation program from there.

Town Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Murray told the town board at the June 13 meeting that when he was remarking the park’s border lines he noticed six spots where landowners have ended up extending their own property boundaries into the park. In one spot there is a goat shed built on town land, in another a landowner’s propane tanks are sitting in the park.

“Any one of these encroachments, I think there is ... six of them, they are not very big but its just the matter that they are on our land, Town of Potsdam’s land, and how do you want me to handle (it)? Do we tell them we don’t want them on it? How do you want me to handle that is what I want

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School officials say no to ‘Lift Every Voice and Sing’ at graduation, mother vows to play it

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

GOUVERNEUR – The “Black National Anthem” will be played at the Gouverneur Central School high school graduation Friday with or without school approval, a parent of a multi-racial child is vowing.

Tonya House told North Country This Week that in an act of civil disobedience, “Lift Every Voice and Sing” would be played “either on the school’s PA system or by some other means, but it will be played.”

House said her daughter, Niciara House-Bowman, asked to sing “Lift Every Voice and Sing” at commence-

ment, but was turned down by Superintendent Jacquelyn Kelly and high school Principal Corey Wood.

“She asked them months ago to sing it along with the Star Spangled Banner and they denied her the chance,” House said. Niciara comes from a musical family and has participated in a number of musical groups in school.

Written in 1900 as a tribute to President Abraham Lincoln, “Lift Every Voice and Sing” has come to the forefront in recent years, with both the NFL and NBA having played it along with the national anthem before games. Many social justice organizations nationwide

have lobbied for wider acceptance of the song as a universal symbol of Black culture during special events and ceremonies.

During an interview with NCTW, House and her daughter detailed numerous instances during which they say Gouverneur students referred to Blacks as “monkeys” and the “N word.”

“It’s progressively gotten worse every year, without a doubt,” Niciara said.

She said she went to school administrators a number of times to address the issues.

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Cheryl Shumway | NCTW

Celebrating Juneteenth

Participating in Potsdam’s 4th annual Juneteenth fashion show June 17 are Heather Nelson-Fuse, Canton, in front, and Bailey Murphy, Germany, visiting her Tulloch grandparents in Potsdam.

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Residents express concerns over dog sanctuary

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON – Two residents living in proximity to the No Dogs Left Behind animal sanctuary expressed their concerns not only about the facility but for town code for kennels to members of the Canton Town Board at its monthly meeting on Wednesday night, June 14.

James Road resident Margaret Mauch was first to speak, echoing words from a letter she submitted to the board. Her letter reads: “I understand that the Zoning Board and the Town Board have worked diligently and with much deliberation to produce a comprehensive new Town of Canton Zoning Code. I would assume that you are

eager to finalize this project. “Before there is a final vote on the Code in entirety, I would ask that you consider a proposal and reasons for a delay in regards to kennels/rescues/shelters/animal hospitals.

“On December 15, 2022, NYS passed a law that regulates kennels/shelters/rescues. It would be advantageous to learn what these new state laws are and to incorporate them into the proposed Code.

“The definitive language in the Canton draft code is confusing and needs to be clarified. There may, also, be conditions that the Town would want to address that are not part of the new State regulations that would be unique to the Town of Canton. Kennels/rescues/shelters must be in compliance by Decem-

ber 15, 2025. It would be helpful to any proposal for a kennel/rescue/shelter/animal hospital to have the Town and State laws consistent with each other. Doesn't it make sense to align Town Code laws with state regulations at this time?

“In consideration of the lack of clarification and NYS Shelter Regulation Chapter 683, I am requesting that the Canton Town Board initiate a moratorium on the Draft Code until substantive language re: kennels/rescues/shelters/animal hospitals, etc. can be incorporated into new law that better protects the Town. Or delay voting on the proposed Code until the next board meeting in order to review the new state laws applicable to this section. Or if the Code is passed, to include

an exception to not put into force that section of the Code until language is examined and determined to be in compliance with the state standards.”

A second letter submitted to the board from Ruta Ozola, 405 Meade Road, was read by Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley. That letter reads:

“Throughout my 30 plus years at 405 Meade Rd., I have dealt with the annoying barking from Maple Ridge Kennels. The kennel has now become a residence for a very large number of imported dogs. The barking is now ear piercing and heart pounding. Working in my gardens, which should be calming and enjoyable, has become nerve wracking. The barking is so intense that it invades my home as well. A simple meal is sullied by obnoxious barking.

“Along with the overwhelming barking noise, fear has been introduced into our neighborhood. Before No Dogs Left Behind came to Maple Ridge Kennel, I was never afraid of dogs escaping. Even if they did escape, I knew the dogs were someone's pets and did not pose a risk. The dogs at the kennel now, come from outside the U.S. and could have diseases that are unknown in United States. The dogs may have been vaccinated for rabies, but that does not ensure that the dogs are free of pathogens and parasites. If the dogs are diseased, this will have negative and possibly deadly impact on our pets, livestock and ourselves. I am not trying to be an alarmist. We are all aware how a virus from a foreign country has gravely affected our lives over the past 3 years. Recently, two dogs escaped from the kennel. The public has been warned not to approach these dogs. We don't know if these dogs are aggressive and/or dis-

eased. This is alarming to me. “Businesses have a right to operate and thrive. Businesses do not have the right to impose themselves in our homes and negatively impact our health and daily lives. To allow Maple Ridge Kennel/No Dogs Left Behind to continue and possibly expand without proper noise mitigation and government oversight of their operation is very concerning. The health and welfare of our domestic animals, our wildlife and our community is at stake.

“The proposed Canton zoning code regarding kennels does not address my concerns regarding noise, environmental impact or the health and wellbeing of our community. It may be in Canton's best interest to table the kennel portion of the proposed zoning code until the new Ag & Markets law takes effect in 2025.

“The new Ag & Markets law addresses not only my concerns, but also includes the proper care of animals that have found themselves in less than favorable circumstances. Should Canton pass the proposed zoning code for kennels, it could pose a liability to the town, as in the case of animals escaping, that have the potential to damage property or harm to members of the community. Under the Ag & Markets law, a kennel must abide by set rules and regulations and it is important to note that Ag & Markets will be responsible for kennel oversight, not local municipalities.

“Again, I urge the Canton Town Board to seriously consider tabling the kennel portion of the proposed zoning code until the Ag & Markets law takes effect. A lot can happen in 18 months that can have a negative impact on our community.”

Police: Norfolk man throws car part after Potsdam crash


POTSDAM — A Norfolk man allegedly threw a car part at another person following a motor vehicle accident on Maple Street, according to village police.

Nelson A. Holmes, 25, was charged with second-degree harassment, third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, disorderly conduct and leaving the scene of a property-damage accident, officers said.

Holmes was found to be at fault for the accident in which his vehicle struck another vehicle, officers said.

Police said Holmes became irate following the accident and exited his vehicle and yelled at the other party and threw a broken car part at the other person.

Holmes fled the scene but was located and charged at a later date, police said.



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SLC lawmakers discuss clergy reporting abuse

BY JIMMY LAWTON

North Country This Week

CANTON — A discussion regarding a state bill to make clergy mandated reporters of child abuse was shut down abruptly after John Burke, R-Norfolk, sought clarification on why the topic was being discussed.

St. Lawrence County Legislator Ben Hull, R-Madrid, brought the matter up for discussion June 12 at the County Operations Committee as “new business.”

He said that the legislators had recently been asked to take a look at Senate Bill 3158, which is known as the Child Abuse Reporting Expansion Act.

The bill has been supported by former members of Christian Fellowship Center after senior members of the church chose not to report allegations of child sexual abuse by a member to authorities. It has also been co-sponsored by Sen. Mark Walczyk, R-Watertown, who represents portions of St. Lawrence County.

Attorney's take

Hull, a deacon at Christian Fellowship Center, asked for an assessment of the proposed state legislation from St. Lawrence County Attorney Stephen Button.

Button said that while the goal of the bill, to protect children from sexual abuse, is laudable; it goes to “attack” certain aspects of “truths,” known as the penitent priest exception.

The exemption operates in a similar, but arguably stronger, fashion to attorney-client privilege granted to attorneys.

“Buried inside the bill is language especially concerning for protestant Christians. The bill would make it such that anyone that works within a church setting in the administrative requirement be designated as one of those mandated reporters,” he said.

Button said the law would create difficult situations within churches as religious leaders would be at odds with their religious mandates and the law.

Opposing views

Legislator Jim Reagen, R-Ogdensburg, questioned what the bill would mean for Catholic priests and similar religions that include confessions as part of their practice.

“For those religions that have the sacrament of confession how would this affect their priests who have a person come to a confessional and confess their sins?” he said. “It’s my understanding that under the vow of secrecy that they vow... when they become priests they will go to jail before violating the sanctity of the confessional.”

“This bill arguably makes that unlawful,” Button said. “They would have to violate that tenet of

confidentiality and disclose those materials under the same rubric of evaluation that a caseworker or teacher would have to.”

Reagen then questioned if the CARE Act would violate the First Amendment right of religious freedom.

“I cannot say yay or nay, but I think it could be subject to challenge,” he said.

Legislator Margaret Haggard, D-Potsdam, then shared her thoughts on the CARE Act.

“I want to get down to the nitty gritty about this. We are talking about children being sexually abused,” she said.

“We have a heinous case in St. Lawrence County about an organization that protected an offender. I think if we had our district attorney in here, he’d have a different take on this situation. Where the perpetrators were allegedly protected and they didn’t have access to the victims.”

Haggard said as a mandated reporter and a Catholic, she understands the concerns raised by Reagen, but that protecting children trumped those concerns.

“I’m a mandated reporter, there are other mandated reporters in this room, I understand the argument, I’m a Catholic,” she said. “When we go to confession it’s secret, but when we get down to what we are talking about we are talking about children being sexually abused. I have a problem with this.”

Burke then joined the conversation by questioning why it was

being discussed if there was no resolution being brought forward.

“I guess I’m wondering why, is there consideration of sending a message down to Albany that we are opposed to this? Are we just chatting?” he asked.

Reagen then quickly interjected, asking if there was a motion on the floor and said he believed the discussion was out of order.

“What discussion?” Burke asked. “Whatever it is we are discussing,” Reagen replied.

Operations Committee Chair Rita Curran, R-Massena, then moved the meeting forward.

CARE Act Exemptions

Notably the CARE Act, which has failed to make it out of committee for the past four years, provides some exemptions for clergy, despite adding them to the list of mandated reporters of child sexual abuse.

“A member of the clergy, or other minister of any religion or duly accredited Christian Science practitioner, shall not be required to make a report... If the confession or confidence was made to him or her in his or her professional character as spiritual advisor,” the bill says.

The bill goes on to say that if a clergy member “has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is an abused or maltreated child based upon any information other than through a confession or confidence... Then such member of the clergy shall promptly make a report... Notwithstanding the

fact that he or she may have also received a report of abuse or maltreatment through a confession or confidence made...”

In other words, the CARE Act does not require a priest taking a confession to report an admission from a sexual abuser if it was given during a spiritual confession. However, if the priest became aware

of the abuse from another means, even if the priest first became aware in confession, they would then be obligated to report the matter.

No resolution was put forward in support or condemnation of the CARE Act. There was no indication as to whether the matter would be addressed again at a later date.

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Village to hold public design workshop for Downtown Streetscape and Riverwalk Trail Project

POTSDAM — Potsdam Village Mayor Reinhold J. Tischler invites community residents and any interested parties to participate in an in-person, interactive design workshop for Potsdam's Downtown Streetscape and Riverwalk Trail Project on Thursday, June 22 from 4:30-6 p.m. in the community room, 2 Park St.

Potsdam's design consulting firm led by LaBella Associates will lead the workshop, offering an insightful glimpse into the preliminary landscape and engineering design for transforming Market Street and creating new public spaces in the heart of downtown Potsdam.

Attendees will have an opportunity to voice their opinions, shaping the look and feel of the proposed enhancements to our Village.

Comments will be welcome both during the session and in written format following the workshop.

Make sure to mark your calendars for this interactive workshop, which is the first of a two-part series.

These workshops present an

exceptional opportunity for the Potsdam community to participate in the design process.

LaBella Associates will also host an information booth during Potsdam's Summerfest, providing additional opportunities to learn more about the project and for residents to share their thoughts.

The concluding workshop will take place on Thursday, Aug. 3 from 6-8 p.m. in the community room.

The \$4.3 million Downtown Streetscape and Riverwalk Trail Project grant is being provided by the New York State Department of State, and is part of the \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative award received by the Village in 2019.

For more information, contact Fred Hanss, Director of the Planning and Development Office at fhanss@vi.potsdam.ny.us or (315) 265-1670.

MASSENA — Massena International Airport is slated to receive \$966,128 in federal funding.

The funds, announced recently by Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, will be used

to reconstruct taxiway lighting, to install a runway vertical/visual guidance system and to reconstruct airfield guidance signs.

The funds come through an allocation from the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

"This significant federal investment will allow New York's airports make much-needed improvements and help our local economies take off," said Senator Schumer. "From Buffalo to Binghamton to Syracuse to Long Island, our local airports are gateways to the world, and I am proud to deliver this \$23-plus million in federal funding that will give New York travelers the modern facilities they deserve and to help our economies soar and reach new heights."

The funds are part of a larger investment of over \$23 million for 13 New York Airports.

The largest investment will come in the form of \$9,294,391 for the Syracuse Hancock International Airport.

Those funds will be used to rehabilitate taxiway lighting at the airport.



Cheryl Shumway | NCTW

Juneteenth celebrated

Daniel Jones, Potsdam, right, goes through the free buffet line at the Juneteenth Celebration in Potsdam June 17, catered by Big Spoon Kitchen. The event also included music, dancing and a Juneteenth history presentation.

Rt. 11 safety study options

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Three levels of improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety along Route 11 out to the Walmart and Tractor Supply intersection are now available for public comment.

Students from the Clarkson Construction Engineering Management Consulting Group (C3G) recently presented three sets of proposed improvements to the town board at its June 13 meeting.

The group, led by Clarkson Civil Engineering Professor Eric Backus, was tasked with studying traffic and pedestrian trends and patterns along the roadway and developing solutions to make the route more safe. The town, village, and the Health Initiative each chipped in funding for the study.

A walkability survey, and several public input sessions, were used to help develop ideas incorporated into the proposed improvements.

The potential redesigns, described as most robust, moderate, and least robust can be viewed online at <https://tinyurl.com/2c-jntt89>.

Each would incorporate more crosswalks, better lighting and bus shelters.

However, the most robust and moderate designs would designate lanes for pedestrians and bikers which would be separated from

the main vehicle traffic lanes by a barrier.

The most robust design ideas also call for a roundabout at the nexus of Sandstone Drive, Clarkson Avenue and Pine and Maple streets, more extensive improvements to the Clarkson University back entrance-way and the Walmart intersection, and a new access to the Potsdam-Morley Road direct off the Walmart intersection, with the current connection of Potsdam-Morley to Route 11 being closed off.

The state DOT has suggested the alternate access to Potsdam-Morley in the past and has a plan in place for it, Town Highway Supervisor John Keleher and Backus said.

Rebecca Kaminsky, one of the Clarkson's C3G student team members, told the board that public feedback on safety improvements to the corridor thus far had included some concerns about maintenance, snow issues and pedestrian safety on the roundabout, and concerns about damage to the wetlands just outside of the village.

A survey for the public to comment on the proposals can be found online at <https://forms.gle/9imhz-1rdDq3AZEJ9>.

Backus said the group would like to leave that questionnaire open for responses at least through Potsdam Summerfest.

He anticipated the group presenting final presentations to the town and village in August or September.

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Sarkis K. Balukjian, 101

Massena

MASSENA -- Sarkis K. Balukjian, age 101, passed away peacefully on Saturday June 10, 2023, at Massena Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Phillips Memorial Home 64 Andrews Street, Massena, NY.

Born in Massena to the late Karaken and Serpouhi Davoudian Balukjian on June 28, 1921, Sarkis attended Massena schools and graduated from Massena High School and Clarkson University.

He served in the Army Corps of Engineers during WWII in both the European and Pacific Theaters.

After the War he met his wife of 70 years Alice Balekdjian of Lyon, France. They were married on September 12, 1948, in Lyon and returned to Massena where Sarkis owned and operated the American Dry Cleaners for over 40 years.

Sarkis was active in many community groups such as the Armenian Community Center, the Massena Independent Living Center and the Massena Masons NO. 513 F & A.M for 75 years.

He was also an Integral lifelong Member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Massena Serving on the Vestry and singing in the choir for over 40 years.

Alice and Sarkis were also very active in the Square Dance Club of Massena and Cornwall where they had many good friends for years.

Their love of travel led them on many ADVENTURE trips to Europe, South America, Egypt and the Middle East. They also traveled in the states and enjoyed the beauty of this country.

The family would like to thank the following caregivers; Judy Bleau, Nikki LaShomb, Jami Monroe, Kay Rubado and Dr. Neil Chichetti.

Sarkis was on the high school track team as a pole vaulter.

He was a member of the Clarkson Men's Glee club and was a big fan of Clarkson Hockey and listened to their games when he could not attend.



Sarkis Balukjian

He was also an avid fan of the New York Yankees fan and many other sports.

Sarkis is predeceased by his wife, Alice, his brother, Albert and his sister, Margaret Bonner.

He is survived by his four children, Sona and Raymond Larzelere of Clinton, NY, Gregory Balukjian of Massena, NY, Lillian and Jeffery Thompson of Columbus, OH and David Balukjian of Essex Junction, VT. He is survived by two grandchildren, Brian and Regina Larzelere of Herkimer, NY and Sarah and Christopher Wittkind of Dallas, TX, and four great grandchildren, Cassandra and William Larzelere and Katherine and Isabelle Wittkind.

Family and friends were invited to call at St. John's Episcopal Church 139 Main Street, Massena, NY on Friday, June 16, 2023, from 1- 3pm.

A funeral service was held at the church at 3:00pm with Mother Sonya Boyce officiating. The burial took place at Pine Grove Cemetery immediately following.

He was a loving Father and Husband who will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

In Lieu of flowers donations can be made in his name to St. John's Episcopal Church & the Massena Rescue Squad.

Family and friends are invited to share on-line condolences and memories at www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

Ben Niles Compeau, 46

Formerly of Massena

ALEXANDRIA, VA -- The family of Ben Niles Compeau, 46, Alexandria, VA are saddened by his sudden passing at his home on May 24, 2023.

Ben was born on April 5, 1977 in Massena, NY the son of Michael J. and Penny (Niles) Compeau.

While growing up he lived with his family in a variety of locations, including Massena and Brasher Falls, NY; Maine; Montreal, Quebec; and Virginia.

Ben graduated from high school in Virginia and then went on to earn two Bachelor's degrees in the psychology area, one from Ohio University and the other from Upper Iowa University.

He was working toward a Master's degree.

Ben loved reading to research and learn about almost any subject.

He had an extensive collection of books including novels, biographies, sciences, histories and more.

He had a special interest in World War II as both of his grandfathers were WWII veterans.

Ben is survived by his parents of Occoquan, VA; his grandmother, Catherine Compeau of Brasher Falls, NY; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Richard and Jessie Niles of Lawrenceville, NY, and his grandfather, Paul Compeau.

Interment and service will be at a later date in Virginia.

Ben's compassion for all animals led him to do volunteer work at a cat rescue facility.

He was very attached to his two cats Blake and Fred.

In his honor and in lieu of flowers, those wishing may consider memorial contributions be made in his memory to King Street Cats, 25 Dove St., Alexandria, VA 22314 or on-line at www.kingstreetcats.org.



St. Lawrence Health | Submitted

Cancer Survivors' Day event

The Center for Cancer Care at Canton-Potsdam Hospital hosted a Cancer Survivors' Day event earlier this month. All cancer patients and survivors were invited to an ice cream social at Sandstener Park Pavilion, 43 Pine St. Gift baskets donated by St. Lawrence Health departments were raffled off as well. From the left are Center for Cancer Care staff members Mikayla Brown, RN, Oncology Infusion; Elise Cole, RN, Nurse Navigator; Jennifer Perry, Financial Specialist; and Logan Harris, Patient Representative scooping up ice cream at the event.

Early voting underway in primary races

CANTON -- Early voting for St. Lawrence County primary races is underway with races set in Louisville, DePeyster, Edwards, Hammond and for County Sheriff.

Early voting takes place at Clarkson University Facilities Building-42 Maple St., Potsdam and the Dobisky Center- 100 Riverside Ave., Ogdensburg at the following dates and times.

• June 22: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

• June 23: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• June 24: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• June 25: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Democratic primary race
Louisville Town Supervisor -

Larry Legault, Roy Beshaw
Republican primary races

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DePeyster Superintendent of
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Micheale E. Webb, Michele D.
Robillard.

Hammond Council members
(vote for any two) - Tylor (Ty) Bass,
Heather Hollister, Ted Elk.

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OBITUARIES

Raymond Joseph Foster, 76

Formerly of Gouverneur

HAMBLETON, WV – Raymond Joseph Foster, 76, of Hambleton, WV, passed away on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at his home.

Born on July 12, 1946, in Gouverneur, NY, he was the son of the late Clifford Foster and Anna (Hooley) Foster.

Raymond was a graduate of Edwards-Knox Memorial Central High School and pursued a career as a mechanic with Dominion Energy.

He served in the United States Air Force, during the Vietnam War, as an aircraft mechanic.

He was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

Raymond enjoyed metal detecting, hunting and fishing, camping, playing cards, kayaking, and spending time with his family.

He loved to travel and visited all 50 states. He especially enjoyed traveling to warmer destinations, like the beach.

He is survived by his children, Christina Wilfong and husband, Brian of Hambleton, WV, and Joseph Foster of Parsons, WV;

granddaughters, Daniele Pennington and husband, Brandon of Hambleton, WV and Claire Foster of Japan; step-grandchild, Jessica Rhodes and husband, Danny of Hambleton, WV; great-grandson, Jaxton Pennington; step - great - grandchild, Damian and Delainey Rhodes; and sister, Maryann Burch of Montrose, WV.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his step-grandson, Kaleb Wilfong, and brother, Robert Foster.

In accordance with his wishes he was cremated and no services are scheduled.

Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Memorial if desired may be made to WV Caring P.O. Box 760, Arthur-dale, WV 26520 in his memory.



Raymond Foster

Ketty Nielson, 91

Massena

MASSENA – Ketty Nielsen, age 91, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at the Massena Rehab & Nursing Center.

Family and friends were welcome to call at the Phillips Memorial Home located at 64 Andrews Street on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A graveside service took place in Glenwood Cemetery in Vernon, NJ, on Friday, June 16, 2023, at 11:00 AM.

Ketty was born on June 19, 1931, in Nykøbing Mors, Denmark, to the late Karl and Sorine (Larsen) Christensen.

Shortly after her marriage to her husband Morten Emil Nielsen on November 19, 1949, they departed for the United States.

She became a naturalized citizen on Jan 17, 1956. They settled in Greenwich Village in New York City.

Ketty was a home maker and raised her family as her husband worked as the building's Superintendent.

Upon his retirement they moved to Vernon, NJ. She was a member of the Stockholm United Methodist Church.

After his death she relocated to the North Country to be close to her daughter.

Ketty loved to knit and share her baked goods with friends and family.

She will be missed by those who

knew her well.

Ketty is survived by her loving children; Lily (Arnie) Epstein of Washington, NJ, Conny (Wayne) Baldwin of Winthrop, NY her grandchildren; Nancy Baldwin-Davey (Joe), Tim Baldwin of Massena, NY, Kelly (Christine) Baldwin of Waddington, NY, Niel (Michelle) Epstein of Chester Springs, PA, Cheryl (Brandon) Campanaro of Pottsgrove, PA along with her great-grandchildren; Brian, Brody, Brittany, Timmy, Mea, Conrad, Quinn, Tarynn, Trevor, Beckett, Anna, Hayden and Desmond.

Ketty is also survived by her sister, Betty Møller and brother, Tonny Christensen and many nieces and nephews in Denmark.

In addition to her parents, Ketty was predeceased by her husband, Emil, sisters, Nancy, Mary and Elly and brother, Willy.

Memorial contributions may be shared with the American Cancer Society; 1 Penny Lane, Latham, New York, 12110.

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



Ketty Nielson

Lois Vivian Wight, 97, and Earl Nelson Wight, 99

Canton

CANTON – Lois Vivian Wight, 97, of Lincoln Street, Canton died Sunday, May 28, 2023, at Canton-Potsdam Hospital after a brief stay.

Services will be held privately for the family. Lawrence Funeral Home & Cremation Services is handling arrangements.

Lois was born the daughter of Roy S. and Keitha M. (Burt) Gray on October 5, 1925, in South Crosby, Ontario, Canada. She was a graduate of Canton High School.

On Oct 21, 1946, she married Earl N. Wight at The Little Church Around the Corner in New York City. The couple were married for 75 years and raised three children: Linda, Leslie, and David. Earl passed five days after Lois.

Lois had been employed by WPDM Radio and Kinney Drugs and, as a young girl worked at the bowling alley before it became Gary Lane's. However, the main role she enjoyed was being a devoted wife, loving mother, and grandmother. She was an excellent baker of pies and cookies.

She is survived by; a daughter Linda Curry and husband, David of Canton; daughter-in-law Beth Wight of Canton; five grandchildren, Casandra (Jeff) Thompson, Terra (Kelly) O'Neill, Stephanie (Mike) D'Abbracci, John (Emily) Curry and Bridget Wight; nine

great-grandchildren Madison and Jacob, Grace, John and Daniel, Mary, Olivia, and David and Evelyn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her son David Earl Wight, daughter Leslie Weisenfeld, and brothers Richard Gray, Burt Gray, and Vernon Gray.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Alzheimer's Association or St. Lawrence County Cancer Fund.

Earl Nelson Wight, 99, of Lincoln Street, Canton passed away Friday, June 2, 2023, at his home while under the loving care of his family.

Services will be held privately for the family.

Lawrence Funeral Home & Cremation Services has been entrusted with his care and arrangements.

Memorial Contributions may be made in his memory to Alzheimer's Association or St. Lawrence County Cancer Fund.

Earl was born a son of the late Frank L. and Mary L. (Freeman) Wight on August 21, 1923, on the family farm in the Town of Canton. He graduated Canton High School in 1942 and continued to work on

the family farm on Route 68 in Canton. He later became co-owner of Gray Lanes Bowling Alley in Canton.

On Oct 21, 1946, he married the late Lois Vivian Gray at The Little Church Around the Corner in New York City. The couple raised three children, Linda, Leslie, and David, and were married for 75 years.

Surviving are his daughter Linda (David) Curry of Canton; daughter-in-law Beth Wight of Canton; five grandchildren Casandra (Jeff) Thompson, Terra (Kelly) O'Neill, Stephanie (Mike) D'Abbracci John (Emily) Curry, and Bridget Wight; nine great-grandchildren Madison and Jacob, Grace, John and Daniel, Mary, Olivia, and David and Evelyn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Earl was predeceased by his wife Lois on May 28, 2023; a son David Earl Wight; daughter Leslie Weisenfeld; and a brother Chester Wight.

He was a member of St. Lawrence Lodge 111 F & AM, Rainbow Hunting Club, and Canton Town Assessor.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and carpentry, fixing all the furniture his children and grandchildren brought him to repair.

Condolences may be shared for both Earl and Lois with the family by visiting www.lawrencefuneral-home.org

Elaine B. (Bryant) Travis, 81

Formerly of Brasher Falls

She was born and raised in Brasher Falls, New York and spent the last 48 years living in North

Olmsted, Ohio. Elaine was very devoted to her Catholic faith. Her life, marriage, and the upbringing of her family all centered around her religious beliefs.

She loved spending time with her family and grandchildren and enjoyed being a grandmother.

She made everyone she met feel special. Her kindness, sincerity, and loving ways were infectious and will be missed dearly.

Relatives and friends were invited to meet for her Funeral Mass, Friday, June 16, St. Richard Church

(26855 Lorain Rd North Olmsted) at 10:00 AM. A Celebration of Elaine's life followed at The West Side Irish American Club, 8559 Jennings Road, Olmsted Twp., OH.

Interment will be private at Evergreen Cemetery, where she will be buried close to her granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Elaine's honor to the Kidney Foundation at kidney.org, the Prostate Cancer Foundation at pcf.org or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org.

The Funeral Mass was livestreamed on the Chambers Funeral Homes Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Chambers-Funeral-Homes-1560347080741913>.

Arrangements by Chambers Funeral Home of North Olmsted (216) 251-6566 www.chambersfuneral.com.



Elaine Travis

Warren K. Murray, 74

Massena

Wyatt and Patrick. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

He was predeceased by three brothers, Wayne Murray, Paul Murray and David Murray.

Warren served in the Army Special Forces during the Vietnam Conflict as a First Lieutenant.

He was a life member of several clubs, Elks, VFW, DAV, American Legion, and Am Vets.

He also served as Commander of a few of them.

He was Union president for CSEA LOCAL 613. Warren retired from SUNY Potsdam Library in 2004.

Warren was known as "Grumpy" to all the grandkids and as "UW" to his special nieces Katie and Kallee Frego.



Warren Murray

RECENT DEATHS

BARRY HORNE, 77, Gouverneur. June 11. Arrangements with O'Leary Funeral Home.

RAYMOND FOSTER, 76, formerly of Gouverneur. Arrangements with Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home.

V. LILLIAN HAMILTON, 93, Trout Lake. June 17. Arrangements with Green Funeral Home.

BARBARA AUDYCKI, 88, Gouverneur. June 17. Arrangements with Green Funeral Home.

DR. JOSEPH GOY, 73, Potsdam. June 14. Arrangements with Garner Funeral Home.

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Legion holds flag burning

Each year on Flag Day, The Norwood American Legion performs a flag burning ceremony for unserviceable (torn, worn, faded) flags. Pictured is Legion Member Bryant Cotey tossing an American Flag into the fire.

New generator needed at town sewage plant

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Chewing rodents have the town board considering either repair or replacement of its backup generator at the town's sewage disposal plant on Sissonville Road in Unionville. The animals have damaged the existing generator but a new one could cost the town about \$30,000.

In addition, Town Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Murray told the town board at their meeting June 13 that if the town opted to replace the current generator with a new one, the wait time could be as long as 63 weeks.

Murray said a repair of the existing generator would still cost the municipality at least \$7,000 to start. "But the tech said he knows as soon as tears into it that there will be more issues," Murray said.

"That generator is about 17 years old," the code enforcer said. He said the estimated life for generators of

this type are between 20 and 25 years before replacement is needed.

"The cost of a new one is about 30,000. And you will have the same problem unless you do something to rodent proof that generator," Murray said.

"If we just put another one there like there is now, the rodents are just going to come in and do the same thing again and chew it up," he told the board.

Murray said the town should also construct a set-up to allow a quick hookup for a portable generator to the sewer plant system in the event an emergency power outage lasts for an extended period of time while they wait on a new or repaired backup generator. He said currently the town would have about 2 days of work in store to connect a portable generator to the system.

"I don't know how long we can go without that sewer plant actually having power to it. So we should be ready for it at least in case of an extended emergency," Murray said.

He said National Grid and Dow Electric both have generators the town could borrow in an emergency. He said he would get an estimate from on how much a new quick connection setup would cost to install.

The plant currently serves 36 residences in the town's Unionville Sewer District, but once the Route 56 Sewer District is in place, the plant will be upgraded to take on the sewage from the residences and businesses in that district.

"The new generator, if we order one, will take 63 weeks to arrive. So we are going to be without one for a while. What the repair schedule is? I don't know yet. We've got to make a choice on which one we are going to go with," Murray said.

Town Deputy Supervisor Marty Miller said there may be grant money available that might help with costs and he would get details for the board.

No decision was made at the meeting on purchase or repair of the backup generator.

Rick Engle - Best Choice for St. Lawrence County Sheriff!

It's an evolving concept... Rick Engle is the best choice for Sheriff in St. Lawrence County. His call to duty, his willingness to serve, his commitment to the constitution and his country, but most importantly his ethics, integrity, and moral construct separate Rick from his opponent. As a former deputy in the Sheriff's Office having worked in both the Jail and on the Road Patrol, I ultimately retired after eight years in the position of Undersheriff which gives me a unique perspective on both candidates. Having managed road patrol for many years I was aware of opportunities given to employees. Rick Engle was seldom in the spotlight, wasn't self-absorbed or boastful. He simply did his job and everything asked of him with no need to be noticed. He performed his duties with little fanfare, often in the face of adversity, nurturing the skills which make him a good detective. For years he managed a hot firearms range for in-service employees and cadets. Rick willingly served in any role required by administration. You would often hear him refer to the constitution and the 2nd Amendment. We recognize his love of country by his military service.

However, the telling qualities that allow Rick to succeed are his ethics, integrity, and morals. I've not yet seen Rick demean his opponent. He simply does not go there. Rick has faced the fall-out of political favoritism at the hands of the Conservative Party whose board endorsed Sean and denied the voice of Conservative voters. Rick was overlooked by former Sheriff Wells and was not recognized by family members of past Sheriffs Gary Jarvis and Lefty Allen. Rick didn't seek their support. That the families of these past Sheriffs should have a remarkable voice in this election after being absent an ever-evolving landscape seems inappropriate. Add the fact that the Central Trades Union endorsed Sean by popular vote of their board (not 25,000 members in 3 counties) with a strong assist by the outspoken Democrat Ernest LaBaff. Note the voice of Jim Reagan and other elected officials and one would expect the Engle camp to fold and disappear. That hasn't happened. Rick and his team are in the community working daily. Hundreds of signs in yards and businesses speak to the groundswell of support that will affect change. People don't want

another career politician leading the law enforcement community, but rather someone with the backbone to hear our voices and represent our interests. We don't care about egos, career building or "childhood dreams". We care about our families. The Sheriff's Department is not currently running as a, recently stated, "well-oiled machine". It is cast in the winds of change with disgruntled staff willing to jump ship if their voices aren't heard.

The unions have spoken, their voice is clear. I've seen it before and have experienced it. How will Sean fix this problem? A veteran administrator knows that the taxpayers cannot, nor should they have to pay the cost of hiring and training new employees. Fresh employees lack seasoning and are more prone to poor decisions which may result in lawsuits. The Board of Legislators will cringe when the jail violates staffing mandates and is dealing with overtime issues and personnel grievances. Sean O'Brien has been the benefactor of many opportunities and has made good on some of them. He has written grants, but that task fits the landscape in today's world. When I started work in 1983, grants were unknown. As Undersheriff I also wrote grants every year, some approaching \$200,000.00. It's the way our government chooses to do business now, and the price tag continues to rise. Sean hasn't done something remarkable, he has simply done a job, fulfilling an opportunity given to him.

Finally, for anyone concerned about experience I will point North to Franklin County to former Sheriff Kevin Mulverhill formerly a NYS Trooper with no experience in the Sheriff's office. Kevin served 3 terms and left office in 2022. To the south in Jefferson County Retired Sheriff Colleen O'Neil served two full terms after retiring from the NYS Police. They succeeded despite their initial lack of knowledge of the intricacies of the Sheriff's Office. Rick Engle knows the department, the team he puts in place will succeed. He is a leader, he will honor his duty to the community, he has the ETHICS, INTEGRITY, and MORALS to uphold the office. For these reasons, I endorse Rick Engle for St. Lawrence County Sheriff.

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Medication treatment costing county more than expected

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON — The state mandated Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program, aimed at treating inmates with opioid addiction, is likely to cost the county far more than the state will reimburse.

Sheriff Brooks Bigwarfe told county legislators on the Operations Committee that the program is working but the cost is outweighing what the state will pay back.

The five pronged program, which also includes counseling and clinical support, peer support, discharge planning and re-entry and transitional support, currently includes 55% enrollment with the total population in St. Lawrence County correctional facility, Bigwarfe said.

Multiple treatment options approved by a physician are available, including the use of Suboxone, Subutex, Sublocade, Methadone, Vivitrol, Naltrexone and Campral.

All seven drugs are used to treat opioid addiction.

As of April 14, five inmates were being treated with Suboxone, 27 were being treated with Subutex, an additional 27 were being treated with Sublocade and two were prescribed Naltrexone, Bigwarfe said.

No inmate is required to participate in the program and none are forced to take any drug, he said.

"What I really want to stress here is that MAT is a voluntary, strictly voluntary program. You cannot force inmates to go on the MAT program. If the inmates choose to not go to counseling, you can't take away their prescribed drugs," Bigwarfe said.

Despite high enrollment and high costs, Bigwarfe said the county is number two in the entire state and stands as a model for the rest of the state.

"When the commissioner of the program says you're a model for the rest of the state, that tells you you're doing something right," Bigwarfe said.

Salaries for employees who administer the program are a large expense.

When factoring in the cost of prescription medications from Jan. 1 through the end of April, the average cost was over \$47,000, Bigwarfe said.

That cost is based on a high jail population with over half of inmates enrolled.

Bigwarfe also said calculations for October through December 2022 were low because not every inmate's treatment was tracked and it was a slow process to compile the data and calculate.

"Those months were likely light counts," he said.

While it appears a six-month expense for the program sits around \$370,000, Bigwarfe said that number is likely closer to \$400,000 due to the ongoing calculations from last year.

"It likely costs \$800,000 to facilitate this mandate. We're not getting anywhere near \$800,000 from the state. We only received \$100,000 from them to start the program," he said.

Currently, 61 inmates are enrolled in the program with 89 discharged. Many have also been released directly to rehab as part of court orders, while 32 discharged have followed up with physicians, he said.

"There is some correlation to getting more help. I wouldn't say that is a big number but there are some going to rehab," Bigwarfe said.

Bigwarfe also noted that the rate of fights among inmates, attacks on officers and sharing of contraband has declined significantly.

Since the program began, fights are down 36% while contraband is down 63%.

"A decline of two-thirds is very significant, I can tell you that," he said.

Legislators questioned how the program will be paid for and how much it will cost.

According to County Administrator Ruth Doyle, funds from an opioid settlement and budgeted month from Community Services help offset the cost while only \$100,000 of the program's budget was accounted for through the tax levy.

Canton officials continue work on anaerobic digester local law

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON — A local law in the Town of Canton dealing with anaerobic digesters will have to wait a month or more after the town board on Wednesday night, June 14, decided to hold off on adopting the measure.

The delay forced town officials to extend a moratorium to Aug. 31.

“They are going in everywhere. There is no local law in St. Lawrence County,” said Deputy Town Supervisor James T. Smith. “We want to get it right.”

Town attorney Eric Gustafson agreed.

“Several comments, especially from the county, were well thought

out recommendations. We will make the appropriate changes,” he stated.

The moratorium date will give the town board two potential board meetings to finalize a local law.

Smith has pointed out that a \$25 million digester project is in the works in the Town of Canton by an out-of-town developer. He said the facility would be operating 365 days of the year with manure coming from at least five different farms.

“This type of development is mostly regulated by the New York State DEC. We appreciate all the time conducting due diligence on this issue. It’s complicated and layered and we need to make sure everyone’s questions are answered,” Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley told North Country This Week earlier.

Anaerobic digestion is a process through which bacteria break down organic matter—such as animal manure, wastewater biosolids, and food wastes—in the absence of oxygen. Anaerobic digestion for biogas production takes place in a sealed vessel called a reactor, which is designed and constructed in various shapes and sizes specific to the site and feedstock conditions. These reactors contain complex microbial communities that break down (or digest) the waste and produce resultant biogas and digestate (the solid and liquid material end-products of the AD process) which is discharged from the digester, as defined on the Environmental Protection Agency website.

Potsdam board holds off on bridge jump fencing

BY ADAM ATKINSON
North Country This Week

POTSDAM — Jump barrier fencing along the bridges over the Racquette River won’t be installed by the village at this point.

Village officials discussed the issue again at their June 20 meeting. Trustees and the village administrator agreed that due to high costs, dubious effectiveness given the extensive river shorelines cutting through the center of the community and the question of whether they even can add fencing to the bridges which are on a state roadway, that the municipality will not pursue the issue at this time.

“As you know we had a real brief discussion last time (May board meeting) about a request by one of our residents on the jump fences on the bridges,” said Village Administrator Greg Thompson.

The idea of lining the bridge walkways with more extensive jump barriers was suggested by a resident in May following the disappearance of Justin Howard, a 22-year-old Clarkson student from Vermont, who went missing in the river while swimming near the Maple Street bridge on May 5.

His body was found near the West Dam the following day after an extensive search by first responders from multiple agencies, law enforcement and village employees. It was suggested the village use some of its ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to foot the bill for barriers along the bridges in the hope it might prevent a similar tragedy in the future.

At the meeting in May, Thompson said he would try to get prices on jump barriers, however at the June 20 meeting the administrator pointed out the challenges of putting up fencing along the spans.

“I said I would get prices. I’m still willing to do so. (But) one of the things we have to realize is, obviously, the bridges are part of a New York State highway. So, we can’t do anything. We can’t just go and put these jump fences up. It’s going to be very time consuming,” Thompson told the board.

“I would like a little bit of board input before I move further on whether you think that is time well spent or whether you think perhaps we should, you know, we’ve got our signs up. The buoys are out. The lines are across,” Thompson said. “I’m under the impression that the board would just-as-soon I did not pursue that at this time?”

“I concur,” said Village Trustee Abby Lee.

“I just wanted to run that by you. It’s not an impossibility but it would have to go through New York DOT planning in Watertown and then work its way back to us,” Thompson said.

“You can’t put a fence behind Stewart’s,” Village Deputy Mayor Steve Warr said, pointing out how easy river access is in the village in other spots besides the bridges.

“And we are a community that lives split by a river,” Lee said.

“And the small amount of research I did, was to have a really beautiful aesthetically pleasing barrier. Which they make. But it’s very expensive,” said Trustee Alexandra Jacobs Wilke.

New SLC fire investigator software coming soon

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON — St. Lawrence County Emergency Services fire investigators will soon have new case management software.

St. Lawrence County legislators on the Operations Committee approved the purchase of Blazestack Inc. case management software during the committee’s meeting on June 12.

According to the resolution, St. Lawrence County established the Fire Investigation Team in 1981 as part of state law to assist local fire chiefs to determine the cause of fires.

Ten New York State and nationally certified investigators currently serve on the team, according to Emergency Service Director Matt Denner.

The new software will allow

investigators in “diagraming a scene, photographing and taking field notes to be used to document scene findings or to prepare written reports.”

Last year investigators prepared 30 reports, Denner said.

The new software will allow for more accurate reporting, reflecting the facts, data and scientific principles on which investigators rely, the resolution states.

Data gathering and report writing requirements will also be met with the use of the new software, Denner said.

Blazestack Inc. is an all-in-one case management solution that will cost the county \$2,900 for the ten investigators.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

In other action, legislators also approved an intermunicipal agreement with the Cranberry Lake Fire District, Town of Fine and Village

of Potsdam for sites to construct interoperability towers in each location.

According to the resolution, the three towers will allow for enhanced emergency communications throughout the county.

Environmental Assessment Forms have been drawn up, identifying and assessing potential adverse environmental impacts associated with each site.

Departments who assisted in preparation of the EAF and incorporated data include the Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Office of Parks and Recreation and Historic Preservation, along with FEMA.

The reports found no adverse environmental impacts would occur and each tower is not to exceed 200 feet to ensure no impact.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Credit union merger town halls planned

CANTON — Members of the St. Lawrence Credit Union are invited to a town hall meeting Monday June 26 at 6 p.m. at the 800 Park Drive Branch in Ogdensburg and at 10 a.m. June 27 at the 33 Court Street Branch in Canton.

The meetings will provide an opportunity for discussion regard-

ing the potential merger between SeaComm and St. Lawrence Federal credit unions.

In a March, St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union’s Board of Directors announced that they voted to move forward with a merger into SeaComm Federal Credit Union.

St. Lawrence Federal Credit

Union has \$226 million in assets, 12,289 members, 52 employees and six retail branch locations throughout St. Lawrence County, including two most recently opened in Heuvelton and Hermon. SeaComm, with \$770 million in assets, 52,977 members and nine retail branch locations, serves St. Lawrence, Franklin, Essex, Clinton, Jefferson and Lewis Counties, in NY and Grand Isle, Franklin and Chittenden Counties in Vermont.

No St. Lawrence Credit Union branches will close, or will any staff lose their jobs due to the merger, SeaComm officials said.

Under the terms of the agreement, which was approved by the boards of directors of both credit unions, one St. Lawrence Board Director will join the SeaComm Board. There will also be an advisory committee formed from the current St. Lawrence Board providing advice and counsel on the overall effect of the merger. The combined organization will operate under the SeaComm brand.

SeaComm’s 30 Stearns Street location in Massena, will be the overall headquarters with St. Lawrence’s, 800 Commerce Park Drive in Ogdensburg as a major operations center. SeaComm has an additional operations center located on Smithfield Blvd in Plattsburgh, to support its eastern Vermont operations.

The merger plan has garnered support and criticism from members in recent months.



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SLC legislators extend state of emergency after Title 42 expires

CANTON — St. Lawrence County legislators extended the county’s state of emergency on June 9 in response to the expiration of Title 42.

Title 42 was a Trump-era order that prohibited individuals from entering the United States from Canada and Mexico during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Title 42 was allowed to expire on May 11 after President Joe Biden chose to not extend the order.

County officials opted to declare a state of emergency in order to receive financial support and FEMA funds in the event that migrants enter the county seeking support.

According to a previous press release, St. Lawrence County legislators also opted to declare the state of emergency due to the fact that the county ranks among the top-ten poorest in the state. Lack of support, funding and resources are a primary concern from St. Lawrence County officials.

While St. Lawrence County may not see a huge immigration jump compared to the southern border, officials say the county is ill equipped to meet the needs of people entering the U.S. locally. Increases in immigration would strain the limited resources available, county officials say.

With an increase in immigration to New York City, state and city leadership have begun to explore housing options for those who have been bussed to New York by Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

State lawmakers say over 72,000 migrants have been bussed to New

York City from Texas. Those 72,000 migrants were initially placed in shelters to be cared for. However, 28,000 have since gone missing after leaving the shelters, and lawmakers do not know where they are, according to a previous interview with County Attorney Steve Button.

“The city of New York lobbied hard to get additional funding from the federal government to care for the migrants being bussed to the city and did receive it,” Button previously told North Country This Week.

Local emergency orders may be issued by the Chair of the Board of Legislators as well, according to the release.

No emergency orders currently exist, officials say.

To date, 31 counties have declared a state of emergency with most also passing local laws that will not allow migrants to be housed in hotels as the governor originally planned.

St. Lawrence County does not have a hotel provision to accompany the state of emergency.

State officials are still looking at housing options for the remaining 44,000 migrants that are known to reside in shelters in New York City currently, with state officials reaching out to SUNY officials to assess current vacancies on campuses.

Federal officials recently announced \$104.6 million in FEMA funds for New York City to assist with housing asylum-seekers. The city’s allocation will come through the new federal Shelter and Services program, according to Politico.

Tips for getting your 'letter to the editor' published Support your claims, don't be nasty, keep it local

St. Lawrence County is in the midst of one of the most heated primaries I've ever seen as Undersheriff Sean O'Brien and Sheriff's Investigator Patrick 'Rick' Engle face-off for the Republican nod for sheriff in Tuesday's primary.

Editor's Notebook

Jimmy Lawton



But this year, things were already getting heated in March. One of the most difficult parts of running a newsroom during tough political races is moderating our letters to the editor section.

Lately I've spent hours fielding phone calls, returning emails, requesting documentation and

working with submitters to edit their letters in a fashion that we can publish them.

Oftentimes I'm met with anger when I ask for evidence to support claims in a letter that I can't easily verify. Sometimes I'm accused of bias or favoritism, but I genuinely work toward balance.

Defining the line between allowing people to share their opinions without allowing the spread of false information is a lot trickier than it sounds. On the whole, I think humans are pretty bad at that -- we see it all the time on social media.

For instance, someone might say they "believe" something rather than acknowledge it as a hard fact, which makes it an opinion.

Then again, if that belief can easily be verified as false, it's crossing a line we'll probably need to edit or tone down depending on the severity of the claim.

Sometimes it can be more com-

plicated, such as when someone says something occurred, but there is no recording or paper trail to support the claim.

In general, these sorts of things may stay in the letter or be removed based on the severity or impact they may have.

Conversely, in the middle of a political race where varying interests are looking to discredit each other, we're going to have a higher level of scrutiny.

Sometimes we'll include an Editor's Note saying we couldn't verify a claim.

Sometimes we'll ask the submitter for supporting evidence.

Frequently, the letter writer is repeating third-hand knowledge as fact, but has not him or herself actually been provided with evidence outside of the hearsay.

In most cases, letters can be modified or rewritten to express the same point of view without including the unverifiable claims,

or by presenting them in a less specific matter.

While I'm hopeful the tone of the letters we receive in political races will improve after the primary elections, I thought it might be helpful to offer some tips for getting them published without revisions.

We have a limit of 400 words per letter. We also require a name and hometown.

We provide some flex on length when needed, but if you're over that limit, we're probably going to ask you to cut it back.

Don't include personal attacks. Criticism of public figures is welcome, but don't be nasty just to be nasty. Share your concerns in a civilized manner. It will have more impact to other readers if you do.

Provide evidence if you're making a claim or accusation; the more substantial the claim, the greater the need for supporting documentation.

If you are making a claim presented as fact, provide some proof. If you have enough evidence to include it in your letter, share it with me, so I can have it as well.

I understand there are times when you may have witnessed something, but one person's account of a situation isn't always going to be enough if the claim being made has potential ramifications. People lie to me often, it's part of the job.

Finally, try to focus on the local impact of an issue or stick to local topics.

I appreciate those who submit letters. I think they are an important part of our paper and I hope we continue to be the main source for moderated public discussion in the county. But maybe help us out a bit and do a bit of homework prior to submitting them.

Jimmy Lawton is News Editor at North Country This Week and NorthCountrynow.com

LETTERS

Need help with runaway signs

School is about over, and our almost-grown children are soon to be gone. But, they're not the only vanishments we've encountered. It seems a lot signs have run away. We are looking for help to find them. It seems like a pandemic the way this hit.

At first, we thought they just got lost, not finding their way back to where they were left, but too many of them disappeared without a trace. So, we suspect they ran away.

For those of you willing to help us find the signs, they went missing from the following places: the State Highway 56 corridor, the City of Ogdensburg, the village of Massena, the village of Gouverneur, the Town of Pierrepont, and the Town of Colton. So, we'd appreciate it if you would keep an eye out for them.

You could also keep an eye out for signs fixing to run away.

Funny thing about this epidemic. It only affects the Sean O'Brien signs.

Tom Daly
Colton

Retired sheriff's deputy backs O'Brien

I am writing this letter on behalf of Sean O'Brien and in support of his candidacy for St. Lawrence County Sheriff. My name is Darrell Whitton and I proudly worked for the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office for 25+ years. I served four terms as union president, 8 years as a judge, and am a 15 year registered Federal Firearms dealer.

Throughout my years at the Sheriff's Office, I worked closely beside Sean and his opponent. When working with both Sean and his opponent, my experiences with Sean always stood out well above his competition.

Sean's work ethic, commitment to the department, and ability to

"get the job done" will always be something I remember. No matter what role Sean has been in the past 20+ years, he has always excelled at it. Sean is a natural born leader. He's not afraid to make the tough calls, hold people accountable, and always do what's best for the taxpayers of St. Lawrence County.

Sean's current leadership role as Undersheriff also makes him the best man for the job. As Undersheriff, Sean has been faced with

many changes from the state. His ability to handle and overcome adversity is impressive.

Now, as a small gun shop owner myself, I know Sean is a tremendous supporter of the Second Amendment, regardless of the misinformation being spread. I know he will take whatever means necessary to make sure our rights remain intact and protected.

St. Lawrence County needs and deserves a well rounded leader who knows the ins and outs of this

very important position. Electing someone who does not have the knowledge or experience in this position could leave our county in a very vulnerable situation.

St. Lawrence County doesn't need a "nice guy" or someone who has been called upon because they didn't have a clean record to do it themselves.

They need a leader like Sean who will be fearless in advocating for and doing what's best for the citizens of this county. I encourage

each of you to do your thorough research on each candidate, why they're truly running, what they plan to do, and when you do, the choice will be clear. St. Lawrence county needs Sean O'Brien as their next Sheriff.

I thank you for your consideration and for casting your vote for Sean O'Brien.

Darrel Whitton
Retired St. Lawrence
County Sheriff Deputy
Hermon

Compare Undersheriff O'Brien's Credentials with His Opponent

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HIS OPPONENT

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LETTERS

O'Brien has shown vision, leadership

Think about this scenario: you have been directed by your boss to discipline several of your employees. Some lose pay, some are demoted, some lose vacation time, and some are given notice. Now, these employees find a way to band together and try to block your path to promotion. Don't think this can happen? I mean, after all, you are their supervisor – right?

It is happening right now in full view of the public. Undersheriff Sean O'Brien was given the task of disciplining several Deputies

by Sheriff Bigwarfe. Bigwarfe planned to run a very tight ship with high standards and accountability. Obviously, none of them liked it. Some examples of the problems include opposition to body cams being instituted, resistance to delivering emergency COVID supplies and failure to follow jail procedures to name a few.

Granted, some of the issues came of policies imposed on the Sheriff's Dept., but the Sheriff ordered them done. Then, Sheriff Bigwarfe decided to retire at the end of his term. Since Undersheriff O'Brien was the likely candidate to replace the Sheriff, these disgruntled employees decided

they would try to block his candidacy.

None of these fellows had clean records, so they couldn't be the candidate, they had to find someone who had a clean enough record to stand up as candidate. They convinced Rick Engle, who had a clean record, to run. Engle as much as said they put him up, in an article in North Country Now. On May 14th he said, "There is a big difference between being driven to hold an elected position and being called upon to do so."

So, we have disgruntled employees trying to go back to a time before Freedom-Of-Information-Law (FOIL) and the repeal of

NYS Civil Rights Law 50-a, which reveals all their sins. No longer can these employees hide behind official secrecy. Problems like those above can be seen by anyone through FOIL request, 50-a, or other simple methods. If we are to have transparency in the Sheriff's Dept, more citizens should make such requests.

Undersheriff O'Brien has upheld the law and run a tight ship for Sheriff Bigwarfe, and all citizens of St. Lawrence County. He's also shown vision and leadership in the nearly four years in his position. He's gotten grants to reduce the cost of law enforcement in St. Lawrence County and helped improve the Sheriff's Office. Engle's team says only that they'd do it different. How different? They don't or can't say.

Tom Daly
Colton

you do your job. Effective communication is a big part of that which leads to fewer misunderstandings.

Rick Engle is a problem solver. He listens to details and works to find a resolution. I trust Rick. People trust Rick. You can see it in their commentary and in the support from the four unions in the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office which unanimously back Rick for St. Lawrence County Sheriff. I feel that this one detail alone will allow for the best success of the Sheriff's office going forward.

Vote for someone we know we can count on. Vote to make Rick Engle your next sheriff.

Alexander Smith
Madrid

Raps chamber for dairy theme

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's theme for its 2023 Dairy Festival was somehow "Delightfully Dairy".

There are decades of peer-reviewed literature which summarize the nutritional/health consequences associated with dairy consumption, the environmental degradation resulting from dairy agriculture, and the various forms of animal abuses imposed upon dairy cows and their male siblings. This literature does not result in a "Delightfully Dairy" theme.

I suggest that the Canton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors put a little thought into their next festival.

If they do so, their dairy promotion will likely end.

Randy Johnston
Potsdam

Madrid resident voting for Engle

Rick Engle is the sheriff candidate most like the north country citizens of St. Lawrence County. The rural community is where the Sheriff's Department does most of its work. Rick has the same background as many in the community; Hard work, dirty hands, and fighting to make a better life for his family, friends and in his career. He understands people and their problems.

What is most important is that he can talk to them. When you have a conversation with Rick, you are not getting a dose of what you want to hear, rather the message is going to be straight up honest whether you like it or not. As an officer and a detective that is how

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LETTERS

Let's protect our water

Last week (June 5-9), wildfire smoke darkened our skies making being outside unpleasant to downright unhealthy.

We experienced what it's like when something fundamental, that we take for granted, such as clean air, isn't available. Here in the North Country, far from big cities, we expect clean air; yet we were powerless to do anything about the air pollution we were suddenly suffering.

Similarly, clean water is fundamental to our well-being and we expect our waterways to be clean and healthy, but clean water is under threat. "About half of all the river and stream miles and lake acreage in the U.S. fail to meet water quality standards because of pollution, which means half the country's assessed waterways do not support intended uses like aquatic life and drinking water." (Environmental Integrity Project, April 16, 2023).

We cannot assume that federal and state protections and agencies adequately protect our waterways and their ecosystems. First, we can't necessarily rely on those protections to continue to exist. For example, the recent Supreme Court decision <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/05/25/us/supreme-court-epa-water-pollution.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share&referrerSource=articleShare> significantly reduced the EPA's ability to protect water through the Clean Water Act. Second, funding and staffing shortfalls hamper the ability of those agencies to do their job and enforce protections. For example, the NY State Comptroller's 2021 report admits that, "... resources may not be adequate to fully cover required agency activities or maintain them over time." -resulting in: "...declines in certain types of inspecting and findings of environmental violations."

The good news is that, unlike the helplessness we may have felt experiencing the recent air pollution, we are not helpless with respect to protecting our water. We can help to protect waterways in our communities by advocating for the passage of local laws that recognize the rights of waterways to exist, to flourish, etc.

By codifying that entities of nature, such as rivers, have rights, citizens can act on their behalf in a court of law if the river's rights are violated. This gives communities the power to protect local waterways. These sorts of Rights of Nature laws have been passed in a variety of places in the U.S. and other nations. The Town of Potsdam has already passed a resolution recognizing the rights of the Racquette River! Water sustains life. It is not being adequately protected. Let's hope other communities will follow Potsdam's example.

To find out more about the Rights of Rivers visit: <https://nocoenvironment.org/rights>

Cathy Shradly
Professor Emeritus, Geology
Canton

Engle will listen as county sheriff

People seek to understand how Rick Engle has garnered the support of the Sheriff's Office membership, as well as most of the other Law Enforcement agencies in St. Lawrence County. The answer is simple; he is genuine. By this, I mean that when he is in conversation with you, he listens, thinks upon the topic, and then shares his thoughts. He does not speak simply

to fill the air. There is no tailoring of his response to accommodate the viewpoint of the person he's talking with. Rather, it is Rick's honest response. He understands that humility is a necessary quality. Humility is a strength that allows him to learn, understand, and then act appropriately.

Rick was not a participant in the existing political network; he doesn't call upon those with political power to pass special laws that benefit only him (See NYS Assembly Bill A7242, 2021-2022 session, Sponsored by Walczyk) nor does he ask his family by marriage to do the same for him (See NYS Senate Bill S7165 of 2017-2018, Bill S8215 of 2019-2020, & Bill S4442 of 2021-2022, all sponsored by Ritchie).

Rick believes in the voice of the ordinary person. Looking to the People, more than a sufficient number of Conservative party member signatures were collected to allow a Conservative Party primary to occur. These petitions were quashed by Hank Ford's refusal to accept, denying every ordinary conservative party member the right to a primary vote on June 27. Rather, the Executive Committee bestowed the right to be on the Conservative line to a single favored individual, who refers to Hank as "his right hand man".

The Founders of this country intended the electoral process to be the means to rejuvenate offices wavering from their mission to the people, the mechanism by which they could change the status quo. If you carry on with the logic that only a hand-picked successor can succeed in a title, then there is no point in having an election, the expert has made the choice for you. This is the flaw in saying only an Undersheriff is qualified to become Sheriff.

Why does it matter who is Sheriff? Because although the Sheriff must uphold the laws of the state, they alone possesses the authority to set the policy of how this enforcement will be effectuated. So, chose a person you trust to listen, to speak the truth and to act in accord with established personal values. Rick Engle is that person.

Michael Mac Cue
Dekalb Junction

Conservative Party playing blame game

Conservative Party Secretary Tom Daly is doing his very best to distract the voters in SLC with his dismal attempt to play the blame game and convince everyone that Candidate O'Brien is being unfairly attacked by "disgruntled" employees once again. Saying that poor Undersheriff O'Brien was essentially hung out to dry by Sheriff Bigwarfe and was only trying to "run a tight ship" when he was forcefully sidelined by the badly behaved and clearly ungrateful staff he was trying to discipline.

While Mr. Daly's long winded account of the failures of our local law enforcement officers made for some marginally interesting reading it does nothing to convince the people of SLC that Sean O'Brien has the leadership qualifications needed to lead our county's Sheriff department.

Indeed, the supposed leadership and "high standards and accountability" of Sean O'Brien was put on display for all to see when the text sent from his personal phone to the Deputies serving under him was published. A true leader would not have to resort to guilt tripping and harassing in order to gain support of others.

I hope that on election day the voters of SLC come together to support the brave men and women

of our local law enforcement and vote for Rick Engle for St. Lawrence County Sheriff.

Stephen C. McCargar
Potsdam

Colton Library ribbon cutting

On Saturday, June 10, 2023, a ribbon cutting was held for the new children's enchanted story garden at the Colton Hepburn Library.

The initial concept began when I went to our friends group year ago so see if this idea could be realized.

I would like thank the following for all of the hard work that made this project a reality:

Lorraine Gowing, who spearheaded the project by obtaining a grant through the Sweet Grass Foundation, Mark Fisher, who did all the site work, Joanne Lincoln for the fantastic mural, Shelli Pre-spore-Weston for the barn quilt, and Mike Schwartzfigure who made the benches.

I would also like to thank the Friends of the Library and the Hepburn Library Board for also being a big part of the project as well. Thank you also to Jeremy McNamara for bringing the ice cream truck and R.J. Thayer for supplying a fire truck.

Thank you also to the band "Animal Crackers" for supplying the

music and the Potsdam Chamber for the loan of the big scissors for the ribbon cutting.

It was truly an honor to be asked to cut the ribbon and with the help of my granddaughter, Adalynne, we did it.

It was estimated that over 200 attended this event and everyone had a good time. The book nook was also open and children were allowed to get one free book from there.

It is really nice when a community comes together to help make an event such a success.

Dennis Eickhoff
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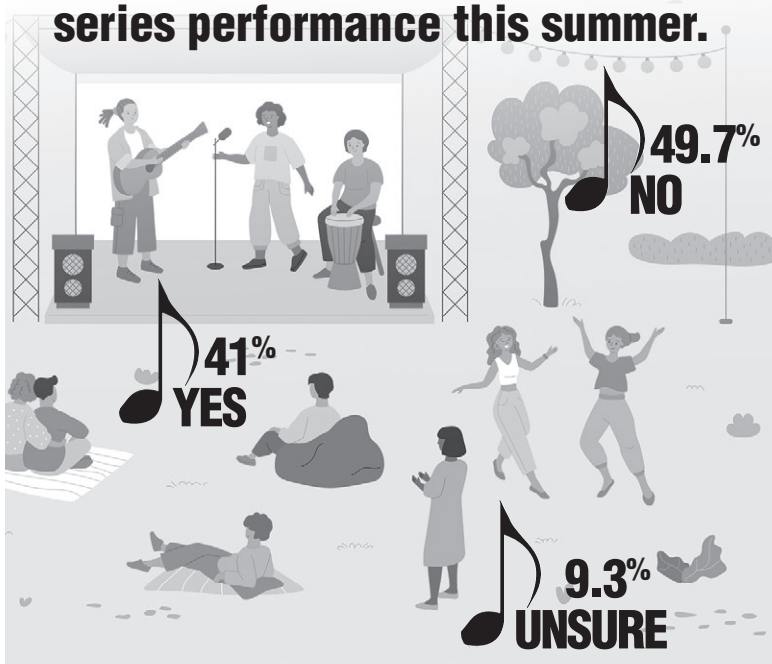


NCNOW SURVEY

The Question:

Do you plan to attend a more concert series performances this summer?

Majority will not attend a concert series performance this summer.



Debbie Morgan | NCTW

MANY ST. LAWRENCE County towns have concert series during the summer months with a variety of musical talent. Do you plan to attend one or more of these concerts this summer?

HERE ARE COMMENTS from some survey participants:

'No, the only music around is cover bands. There's no room for innovation or creativity. It's just the same handful of musicians that have monopolized the scene for ages. Playing the same tired cover songs. Might as well stay home.'

'This is a wonderful program.'

'Lost interest in these events years ago. Can't go anywhere now a days without drunk loud people around.'

'Busy during the summer time.'

'It would be cool if these series hired some different bands. The same group of guys in the same four bands play at every concert it seems. Norwood is an exception I suppose for half of its lineup.'

'The weather ruins most of the summers lately.'

'I love all the concert series! They are so much fun!'

'These concerts are a public nuisance. Have them indoors, not outside where they bother non-attendants in their homes.'

'Can't afford the gas to drive there!'

'I really enjoy outdoor concerts in particular! If it's really good music I'll drive all the way across the

county for it.'

I might check out a concert or two, probably at the New York State Fair. But so far have not seen any bands I would pay to see.

TO READ MORE COMMENTS, visit NorthCountryNow.com/ncnow-survey.

TO TAKE THE CURRENT SURVEY, visit bit.ly/3CzAcTZ.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: With summer officially underway this week, what part of summer are you looking forward to the most this year in St. Lawrence County?

The NCNow Survey is an unscientific poll of visitors to NorthCountryNow.com who choose to participate. Please keep comments to 150 words or fewer; all are subject to editing.

LETTERS

Consult your own conscience

"All American voters should read the full text of the Trump indictment, and then consult their own consciences. If Trump has done what has alleged, he should be convicted and punished," tweeted conservative Republican John Bolton, President George W. Bush's U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and President Trump's own National Security Advisor. Taking his advice, I read the indictment last evening. Two important takeaways: One is the decision to indict came not from President Biden, Merrick Garland, or even Jack Smith, but from a grand jury made up of ordinary American citizens in Florida. Thankfully, that is the way the American legal system works.

Second, the evidence against Trump is entirely from inside sources, including evidence of shockingly sloppy storage of national security documents. Text messages between Mar-A-Lago employees reveal Trump's orders to move boxes. Video footage reveals Trump's aide and alleged co-conspirator, Walt Nauta, removing 64

boxes of documents from the storage room shortly before an inspection of that room by Trump's lawyer, Evan Corcoran, footage which later triggered the FBI search warrant of MAL. Extemporaneous notes taken by Corcoran indicate he was intentionally made unaware of the removal of the boxes by Nauta when he made a so-called "diligent search" of the storage room, he was discouraged from inspecting other areas, and Trump suggested he (illegally!) "pluck out" any of the 38 classified documents located that might be "bad." And it continues----all evidence collected inside Trump's circle.

Since the evidence is from Republicans, I will let Republican voices of integrity speak for me here:

"If this indictment is true, if what it says is actually the case, President Trump was incredibly reckless with our national security," former United Nations Ambassador under Trump, Nikki Haley said.

"If he has anything like...what the indictment alleges then he has committed very serious crimes. The documents Trump retained

could contain the most important secrets we have, directly impacting national security and the lives and security of our military and civilian population." (Bolton on CNN)

"If even half of it is true, then he's toast. I mean, it's a very detailed indictment, and it's very, very damning. This idea of presenting Trump as a victim here -- a victim of a witch hunt -- is ridiculous." (Former Trump AG William Barr on FOX News)

I invite you, too, to read the indictment and "consult your own conscience" as Bolton suggests. https://www.justice.gov/storage/US_v_Trump-Nauta_23-80101.pdf

Ginger Storey-Welch
Colton

Let's listen to mentally ill

May was mental health awareness month. I saw a few things printed. But I think there's more that should be said. Things like 988 is the suicide hotline (maybe that bit has been said and I missed it, if I did I'm sorry).

There is always hope. You were put on the Earth for a reason. And it wasn't to die at your own hand. No matter what you think in your head right at this moment, the world is a better place to somebody somewhere because you are in it. I 100% guarantee that there is at least one person who would greatly miss you if you were gone.

Each week you see more and more suicides in the news..... things aren't going to get better, they really won't ever stop at this rate...unless somebody changes things. There are not enough places to go inpatient in St. Lawrence County your options are severely limited and your chances of being shoved into a psych ward in a hospital hours and hours away is great. The places that you can go inpatient are not great.

Most are run more like prisons. There's not much caring there, and in some cases you are treated as less than human.

Outpatient options are not great either. And many are run by one place. So, if it doesn't work for you - you are out multiple options out of the already very few you had to begin with. This is extremely worrying and depressing to someone

who is already on the edge of ending their life.

Some therapists in St. Lawrence County have told me and four of my friends that we were 'too severe' to be treated. Or, they attempted to treat and when the first try didn't work they told you that you were beyond hope. Beyond hope.. every single one of us has been told that by at least one shrink in this county.

That worries me. I wish it would worry someone who was in charge who could actually change this.

Take people seriously when they talk about how depressed they are. Call 988 or 911, or your local police. Be there. Listen.

It's nice to wear a green ribbon in May for awareness month, but the mentally ill are suffering and nobody seems to be listening. Shouldn't something good come out of this Awareness?

Just my two cents.

Amanda Ames
Potsdam

Garfield Cemetery in rough shape

The Garfield Cemetery in Potsdam is in great need of maintenance. Those in charge have not seen to it's care in several years. Perpetually care was paid for. Something needs to be done to correct this situation.

We have reached out to no avail. It is heartbreaking to visit loved ones there and see the conditions. What if any responsibility does the Town of Potsdam have in this situation? Is there anyone else that has loved ones there?

George Bush
Parishville

Make gradual shift to green energy

Scott Shipley of Northern Lights Energy presented a positive outlook with green energy progress.

While I support green energy alternatives, I have concerns in the rush to meet 2035 energy goals our environment and society will be negatively impacted transitioning from fossil fuel to electricity so quickly.

It takes significant amounts of coal and fossil fuels to manufacture and charge electric vehicles. Windmills and solar panels are

not sufficient to produce that amount of energy alone, nor cost efficient to build and maintain for the amount of energy they produce over their lifetime.

The average citizen, even with tax subsidies, cannot afford a electric car, or maintain one over its lifetime. Inflation is hitting everyone's wallet hard. Our nation's electric grid is degraded and fragile. If too many air conditioners running during summer cause black outs, what happens to the grid when millions of drivers charge their electric cars at the same time?

China manufactures 75% of the worlds solar panels while polluting their environment. That is counterproductive and unethical. Scotland removed 14 millions of trees to plant windmill turbines. How is that not like destroying the Amazon rainforest? Windmills also kill millions of birds annually. In Wyoming wind turbines cannot be recycled at the end of their operating life, so are buried in landfills. When batteries in electric cars expire, they too go into landfills. That is not good for our soil or water resources. It seems like we are ironically destroying the earth in the rush to save it.

Transitioning from traditional fossil fuels to new green devices too quickly will result in massive disruption in an already unstable and stressed world. The planet is not going to end as soon as climate change doomsayers claim. We've had many predictions of climate apocalypses in the past, such as NYC becoming under water by the year 2000.

Let's make a careful and gradual shift from fossil fuels to green energy, lest we add a new patch to a old garment, and end up making the tear worse.

Ron Shirtz
Rensselaer Falls

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John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band to play

NORWOOD — The Norwood Village Green Concert Series will continue its 50th Anniversary Season on Sunday, June 25 with a performance from Grammy Award winners, The John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band at 7 p.m.

Led by Grammy Award recipient John Jorgenson, The John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band is an all-star bluegrass super group featuring four legendary, award-winning musicians: John Jorgenson on acoustic guitar, mandolin and vocals; Herb Pedersen on banjo, acoustic guitar and vocals; Mark Fain on bass; and Patrick Sauber on acoustic guitar and vocals.

Jorgenson and Pedersen are founders (with Chris Hillman) of the formative country rock group Desert Rose Band. In 1990, Jorgenson went on to found the Hellecasters, and artists ranging from Barbra Streisand to Bonnie Raitt to Bob Segar to Earl Scruggs have sought out Jorgenson's guitar work for their recordings. Having been a fan of the Desert Rose Band, Elton John invited Jorgenson to join his band in 1994 for an 18 month tour that stretched into a 8-year stint of touring, recording and TV appearances with the British superstar, in addition there are the collaborations with other artists including Tommy Emmanuel, Luciano Pavarotti, Sting, Billy Joel and more.

In 2008, Jorgenson won a Grammy for Best Country Instrumental with Brad Paisley and was nominated for Best Bluegrass Album with Earl Scruggs.



Photo submitted

The John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band will perform Sunday, June 25 at 7 p.m. at Norwood Village Green Concert Series.

Herb Pedersen sang a duet with Emmylou Harris on her 1st top 5 single "If I could win your Love" in 1975. He has also worked with Linda Ronstadt, Earl Scruggs, John Denver, The Dillards, and many others as well as founding and leading The Laurel Canyon Ramblers.

The series acoustic concerts are supported by the Sweetgrass Foundation, as well as supported in part by the New York State Council on the Arts.

For further information consult the series website: nvgs.org or call 315-261-2866.

Winners picked in juried art show at Remington

OGDENSBURG - The Frederic Remington Art Museum's 2023 Members' Juried Art Exhibition opened on Saturday, May 20.

The exhibit includes 54 works by 40 artists, and will be on display until Sept. 10, in the Museum's Richard E. Winter Gallery and the Torrey Family Galleries, and online at www.fredericremington.org.

At the exhibition's opening reception juror David Fadden offered comments on his experience jurying the exhibit, and Museum Curator & Educator Laura Desmond announced the prize winners selected by Fadden from among the artworks included in the show.

The third place prize went to Rockbrook Barn by Steven C. Cobb, 2022, oil, 24 x 30".

The second place prize went to Rooted in Time by Stacey Smith Tarbox, 2015, conceptual photo art, 36.5 x 24".

And "Best in Show" was awarded to I Will Not Speak by Aimee Douglass, 2022, mixed media: photography/encaustic wax, 12 x 25".

The public is invited to view the exhibition in person at the Museum or online



Remington photo

I Will Not Speak by Aimee Douglass of Massena, 2022, mixed media: photography/encaustic wax, 12 x 25", was awarded "Best in Show" by juror David Fadden for the 2023 Members' Juried Art Exhibit at the Frederic Remington Art Museum.

at www.fredericremington.org, and to vote for an additional prize, the Public's Choice Award.

At the close of the exhibition the votes will be tallied, and the winner of the Public's Choice award will receive a museum wrapped canvas reproduction of Pete's

Shanty by Frederic Remington, 1908.

Many of the works in the show are for sale. One third of the proceeds benefits the Frederic Remington Art Museum, and two thirds go to the artist. The

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WHAT'S GOING ON

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Summer bash

POTSDAM — North Country Children's Museum is hosting a summer bash in Garner Park to celebrate the end of the school year on Friday, June 23 from noon-2 p.m. Stewart's Shops has donated free ice cream sundaes for the event. There will be fun activities and games run by NCCM education staff.

Woods walk

POTSDAM — Join Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteers Linda Moerschell and Brad Pendergraft for a Tree Identification Walk on Friday, June 23 at the Clarkson woods. They will delve into identification, folklore, history, medicine, and myth of at least 15 different species. The last half hour will be about the future of our forests with a local Certified Arborist. Register at the CCE event page: stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu/events.

BackWater Duo

PARISHVILLE — The BackWater Duo will perform Friday, June 23 at 7 p.m. at the Amvets Post 265, 5 Catherine St.

Blood drive

POTSDAM — St. Lawrence Health is holding a Red Cross blood drive Friday, June 23 at the Church of Latter-day Saints, 21 Castle Dr. from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years of age, and weigh at least 110 lbs. Register online at www.redcross-blood.org, or by contacting 1 (800) RED CROSS. First time donors and walk-ins are welcome.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Annette Wasilik Trio

EDWARDS — The Annette Wasilik Trio will perform at The Edwards Opera House, 161 Main St., on June 24 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Visit <https://edwardsoperahouse.com/tickets> for ticket information. Info: edwardsoperahouse@gmail.com, edwardsoperahouse.com.

Bear Mountain hike

CRANBERRY LAKE — The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club will hike Bear Mountain Saturday, June 24. Expect stupendous views of Cranberry Lake and the wilderness beyond. The trail is 3.8 miles long and steep in some places, with a total elevation gain of about 670ft. It is suitable for kids who are reasonably fit, so families are most welcome to join us. Call Blair Madore at 315-261-0751 or email madorebf@potd.com.

Letterboxing

CLARE — Nature Up North will host an introduction to letter boxing at Lampson Falls trail Saturday, June 24, 9:30-11 a.m. Nature Up North will provide the materials (stamps, notebooks, pens) so participants can letterbox their way to Lampson Falls. Registration is appreciated, but not required. RSVP to info@natureupnorth.org with name and group size. Info: <https://www.natureupnorth.org/event/lampson-falls-letterboxing-finale>.

Fashion fundraiser

NORWOOD — Norwood Golden Agers Senior Citizens Club will sponsor a fashion fundraiser Saturday, June 24, 1-4 p.m., at Norwood American Legion, 10 Maple St. Clothes by "MADE TO LOVE,"

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Theresa Bear Fox to perform in Norwood

NORWOOD — The Norwood Village Green Concert Series will continue its 50th Anniversary Season on Thursday, June 29 with a variety of performances from local musicians Nicole White and Maria Tartaglia, as well as Theresa “Bear” Fox - Kaieri Niionkwetake at 7 p.m.

Nicole White is a singer/songwriter in 8th grade from Norwood who loves to sing and has sung for as long as she can remember.

She started playing clarinet in school during 4th grade, performed an original song in a talent show in 5th grade, and a solo in the school’s Christmas production.

Nicole won her school’s talent show in the Middle School division singing ‘You’re No Good’ by Linda Ronstadt accompanying herself on the ukulele.

She composed 2 more original songs (one on guitar and one on ukulele) and performed at Norwood Beach for Family Fun Day in August of that year, including her original songs.

She continued with her keyboard, ukulele, and guitar playing, getting an electric guitar for Christmas that year.

During the spring and summer of 2022, she performed multiple times throughout the North Country. In 8th grade, 2023 she auditioned for the school musical again (Grease), and played the role of Joanna Casino (usually Johnny Casino and the Gamblers).

A freshly minted graduate of Canton High School, Maria Tartaglia will be studying musical composition and vocal performance as a college student in September. Currently she is the Children’s Musical Advisor for the Madrid Dam Series and is a Cantor for St. Mary’s Church in Canton.

She is studying composition and performance collaboration work with Jeff Hinkle, Crane accompanist, and has taken voice lessons with Dr. Deborah Massell and the late Dr. Lonel Woods. Her high school music experiences in Canton have included performing in A Broadway Review, Crazy for You, Matilda, and Damn Yankees.

She also participated in Potsdam High School’s Canta Sera. Extra curricular performances have included Potsdam Porch Fest, the Madrid Dam Music Series, and keyboardist/vocalist for the local rock band 11B.

She continues to hone her skills vocally, and on piano, ukulele, guitar, vibraphone, and percussion.

Theresa Bear Fox always heard melodies come to her, but she didn’t realize her gift of songwriting until she was 23. “This is when I began writing songs for our traditional women’s group, Kontiwennehawi. Kontiwennehawi means carriers of the words.” She is a member of the Akwesasne Women’s Singers.

A Native American from the Mohawk Nation, she is the youngest in a family of fourteen. Her values in her own words - “Family life is very important to me.

Taking care of one another and our mother the earth is also very important to me. I feel it is very important to put good messages into the songs”.

For more information about Theresa and her music, you can visit her website at: bearfoxsongs.com.

The series acoustic concerts are supported by the Sweetgrass Foundation. The series is also supported in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and New York State Legislature.

For further information consult the series website: nvgs.org or call 315-261-2866.



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Hula hoop champ

Lylia Jiang, a student in Mrs. Rodee’s kindergarten class at Banford Elementary School in Canton, was the winner of the Hula Hoop contest held during Friday morning’s Kindergarten Olympics.

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Library programming on hold

CANTON — Canton Free Library’s children’s programming is taking a break in June.

This includes Baby, Toddler, and Preschool Storytimes, as well as Books & Beyond Lego Club, and Tween Time.

Programs will resume on July

11th as part of the library’s Summer Library Program!

Pick up a calendar and be sure to register children ages 18 months-12 years old by June 23 in the Children’s Room, by calling 315-386-3712 ext 4, or emailing vwhite@ncls.org.

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Fantastic Film Favorites concert planned

POTSDAM — The Orchestra of Northern New York will host its Fantastic Film Favorites concert to ring in the Fourth of July holiday on Friday, June 30 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Helen M. Hosmer Concert Hall at the Crane School of Music.

The orchestra will salute July 4th, thank active-duty military and veterans with patriotic favorites, and celebrate America's love of the movies with songs like "Farefare for American War Heroes," "Armed Forces Salute," and "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Also included in this summer's award-winning and blockbuster list is the Overture from the original 1961 version of West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein, "Parade of the Charioteers" from Ben Hur (1960) by Miklós Rózsa, "Moon River" from Breakfast at Tiffany's

(1961) and the Finale from Rossini's William Tell Overture, used for countless movies, cartoons, TV programs and the 2013 movie, The Lone Ranger.

Other popular selections will include the theme from Rocky (1976) by Bill Conti, and two selections by the incomparable John Williams, the "Superman March" from Superman (1978) and selections from Jurassic Park (1993). In addition, our Principal Oboist, Anna Hendrickson will be the soloist for the mesmerizing "Gabriel's Oboe" from The Mission (1986), written by the legendary film composer, Ennio Morricone.

Other performances of the concert are planned in Thompson Park in Watertown and Thousand Islands Park.

Tickets are available for purchase at www.onny.org.



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Dancing at Juneteenth

Dancers take to the floor at Potsdam's 4th annual Juneteenth Celebration June 17. The event also included a Juneteenth history presentation, music and a free heritage-rich meal catered from Big Spoon Kitchen.

Local ham radio operators to broadcast

CANTON — Ham radio operators from St. Lawrence County Radio Amateur Radio Civil Emergency Service in Canton will participate in a national amateur radio exercise from noon on Saturday, June 24, until noon on Sunday, June 25.

The event is ARRL Field Day (www.arrl.org/FieldDay), an annual amateur radio activity organized since 1933 by ARRL, The National Association for Amateur Radio in the United States.

Hams from across North America ordinarily participate in Field Day by establishing temporary ham radio stations in public locations to demonstrate their skill and service.

Their use of radio signals, which reach beyond borders, brings people together while providing essential communication in the service of communities.

Field Day highlights ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent, wireless communications network.

Some hams from the Northern New York section will also use the radio stations set up in their homes or taken to their backyards and oth-

er locations to operate individually or with their families.

Many hams have portable radio communication capability that includes alternative energy sources such as generators, solar panels, and batteries to power their equipment.

This year's event is also noteworthy given that a particularly active hurricane season is predicted, said organizers.

"Hams have a long history of serving our communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, including cell towers," said Matt Denney, Assistant Emergency Coordinator/Secretary, St. Lawrence County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (KA2AUB).

"Ham radio functions completely independently of the internet and phone systems and a station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Hams can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others," Denney said.

During Field Day 2021, more than 26,000 hams participated

from thousands of locations across North America.

According to ARRL, there are more than 750,000 amateur radio licensees in the US, and an estimated 3 million worldwide.

Among the tenets of the Amateur Radio Service is developing and practicing skills in radio technology and radio communications, and even contributing to international goodwill.

Hams range in age from as young as 9 to older than 100.

A self-study license guide is available from ARRL: The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual (www.arrl.org/shop/Ham-Radio-License-Manual) and for Kindle (<https://read.amazon.com/kp/embed?asin=B07DFSW94G>).

For more information about ARRL Field Day and ham radio, contact <http://slcraces.us/index.php> and visit www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio.

Co-op T-shirt designs needed

POTSDAM — The Potsdam Food Co-op is celebrating 50 years of serving the community and as part of its open house celebration in September (more details TBA soon), they are holding a 50th Anniversary "Commemorative" T-Shirt Design Contest.

If you are an artist who loves the Co-op, consider submitting your design for consideration.

All submissions are due by Saturday, July 15.

The winner will be announced sometime in August.

T-shirts with the winning design

will be printed and available for sale at our annual open house, on Sunday, Sept. 17.

For more info and rules, click the button below or email marketing@potsdamcoop.com with any questions.

Info, rules, guidelines: <https://tinyurl.com/3kegywz2>

The winner will receive a free t-shirt with their printed design, a \$100 gift card to spend at the Co-op, and bragging rights.

Questions can be emailed to marketing@potsdamcoop.com.

Madrid Dam Music Series announces summer concerts

MADRID — The 2023 Madrid Dam Music Series will feature the following performances:

- June 28 — Vocalist Sammie Ihey will offer cover songs by John Denver (1st hour), then Archie Turner and Carrie Woodcock will perform singer-songwriter originals and covers (2nd hour);

- July 5 — Wild Roses, all female performance band;

- July 12 — The Goddard Girls, fiddle and bodhran drum;

- July 19 — Potsdam Community Band, held at SLPEM Equine Building;

- July 26 — Summer Dam Jam, begins at 5:30 p.m. with an extended concert;

- July 29 — Fantasy Faire Festival, special Saturday one-day event from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;

- Aug. 2 — MDMS Community Chorus (1st hour), Jeff Hinkle (2nd Hour);

- Aug. 9 — Steelin' Country Band, with special guests;

- Aug. 16 — Madrid Waddington High School Tri-M Evening;

- Aug. 23 — 10th Mountain Div Concert Band, with military salutes; and

- Aug. 26 — "Play Music on Your Porch Day," special Saturday event (house & business porches, Madrid town-wide).

All performances are held from 6-8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

The series is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re-grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Art.

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Akwesasne art show, market to be held

AKWESASNE – Akwesasne Travel is pleased to announce the 2023 Akwesasne Art Market & Juried Show will take place Sunday, July 2 at Generations Park.

The event celebrates the creative talent that exists within the Akwesasne community, and showcases Akwesasne as a vibrant destination for the arts.

The market will buzz all day long with live music by the River Mohawks, Jake Adams & Crosswinds, and special performances by Bear Fox, Feryn King, and Karionhianonha Francis.

The lineup of demonstrators includes black ash basketmakers Carrie Hill and Angello Johnson, among others.

The lively art and food scene offers a chance to see traditional and contemporary cultural art forms up close, purchase one-of-a-kind pieces directly from makers, and support our local economy.

The juried art show will award over \$10,000 across 12 diverse categories such as pottery, sculpture, beadwork, quillwork, quilts and textiles, painting, and more. In addition, five Judge's Choice nods and the much-anticipated Best in Show honor will be awarded.

New this year is a youth category for emerging artists age 17 and under.

"We're very excited to showcase the incredible artistic talent of Akwesasrónon," said Penny Peters, manager of Akwesasne Travel. "Our goal is to enhance our community's art and culture scene, and hopefully inspire younger generations with confidence to pursue

the arts."

Akwesasne's most outstanding artists will be on-hand throughout the day. Rising star Kiera Pyke, creator of Ice Fishing, the stunning porcupine quill medallion showcased on this year's event poster, took Best in Show at Akwesasne's inaugural juried show in 2022.

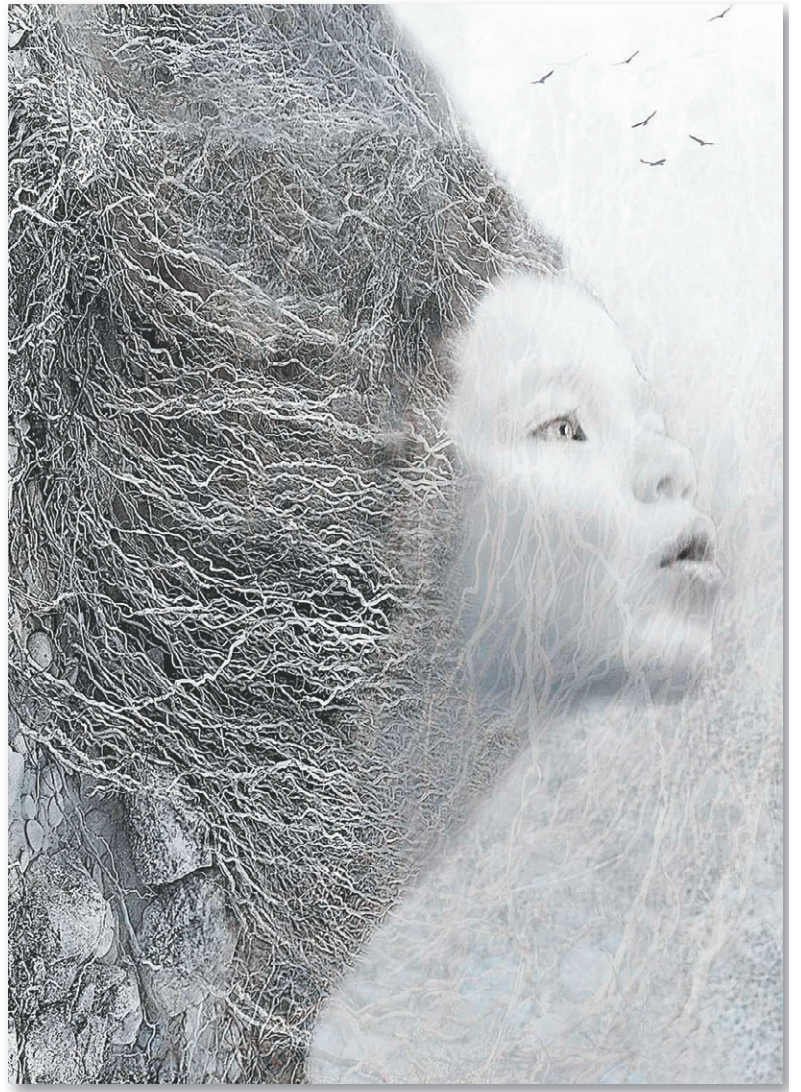
She recently won Best of Show at the Seneca Iroquois National Museum's Spring Art Show, and her work has been featured at SWAIA in Santa Fe, New Mexico and the Heard Museum Juried Show in Phoenix, Arizona.

Last year's Akwesasne Art Market & Juried Show was a resounding success, say organizers. More than 50 artists entered the juried show, while 80 vendors participated in the market. Youth smoke dancers opened the ceremonial unveiling of four commissioned sculptures to be installed at Akwesasne's Skén:nen Park.

Some 95 percent of the event costs went back into the local economy, a boon for Akwesasne's emerging tourism and economic development initiatives.

"Our community is very proud and supportive of one another," said Raeann Adams, community planner in the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Office of Economic Development. "Our tourism initiatives are designed with the community in mind. With this event, we are supporting Akwesasne's sustainable growth, economic development, and cultural heritage preservation."

The 2023 Akwesasne Art Market & Juried Show is free and open to the public.



Remington photo

Takes second place a juried show

Rooted in Time by Stacey Smith Tarbox of Potsdam, 2015, conceptual photo art, 36.5 x 24", won the second place juror's award for the 2023 Members' Juried Art Exhibit at the Frederic Remington Art Museum.

Hospice hosting grief support group

POTSDAM – Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley will be hosting "Navigating Grief Together", a six-week support group, in Massena for adults grieving any type of loss. 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 a healthy and effective 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 enduring connection with the person who died, if appropriate.

People who would benefit from this group include those grieving a loss that occurred at least six months ago. This is not a therapeutic support group but rather a social support group for adults in the community already working on their grief.

The group will meet in person Mondays starting July 10, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Massena Community Center, 61 Beach St., Massena).

For more information, please contact Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley's Bereavement Program at 315-265-3105.

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Local government class to be held at SUNY Potsdam this fall

POTSDAM — In conjunction with SUNY Potsdam, the Local Government Planning Committee will again host the Local Government Conference Tuesday, Oct. 10, in Kellas Hall on campus.

Parking will be in Lot 2. The conference will offer education and workshops for assessors, board members, budget & finance personnel, highway superintendents, municipal clerks, planning and zoning and water & sewer (DPW).

Code enforcement programs will not be offered this year.

CEU (Continuing Education Units) will be offered where authorized.

Registration fee is \$35. It is requested that, where possible, all payments be made by credit/debit card by using the secure online registration link below.

Register online at: <https://commerce.cashnet.com/cashneti/static/storefront/LOCALGOVCONF/catalog>

All online registrations must be completed by Oct. 3. Each participant must register separately.

All communications related to the conference will be relayed via email. Postcards and registration forms will no longer be mailed.

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Free tai chi for adults

POTSDAM — A free tai chi class for adults meets weekly at Trinity Church, outside by the river, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. from June to August. New students are always welcome. Call 315-268-0297 for more information.

Dairy Festival returning to royalty model after survey

The St. Lawrence County Dairy Promotion Committee recently conducted a survey of local consumers, dairy farmers, and agricultural industry members regarding the Dairy Princess Royalty Program.

Last year, the American Dairy Association North East (ADANE) discontinued the Dairy Royalty Program and substituted a Dairy Ambassador Program. St. Lawrence County participated in the new program.

After a year of following the new program, the committee decided to survey the public to determine if changes needed to be made.

Ninety-two of the community respondents supported returning to a modified unisex Royalty program open to everyone at all levels.

As a result of this survey and discussion, the committee will be returning to a Royalty program. It is the job of the dairy court to promote, and influence the public on the importance of dairy. The Crown and Sash grab people's attention and make the court members approachable to all ages most especially to children.

The Committee is seeking new members. Any participants (ages 8-23) who are interested in promoting the dairy industry in St. Lawrence County are welcome to join the court. The Annual Banquet and Competition will be held on Sunday, June 11, at 1 p.m. at the Waddington Town Hall, Main Street.

If interested, please see the application posted on the St. Lawrence County Dairy Promotion Facebook page. Feel free to contact Competition Coordinators.

Camryn Chester at CamrynChester2000@gmail.com or Megan Parkman at mparkman15@gmail.com.

Helping Hands golf tournament scheduled

POTSDAM – Helping Hands of Potsdam will host its 17th annual Cindy Talcott Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 15, at 9 a.m. at the Potsdam Town and Country Club.

The format is Four Person Scramble.

Last year the tournament raised \$33,000. Entry fee is \$90 per person which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and prizes. Sponsorships by individuals and businesses are welcome with levels from \$100 to \$2,500.

This year Casella Waste Management has already pledged \$5,000 as the event's Premier Sponsor.

To sponsor or play in the tournament, call Helping Hands at (315) 268-0633. Sponsorships can be mailed to Helping Hands, care of Tom Butcher, P.O. Box 92, Hannawa Falls, NY 13647.

Helping Hands was founded by Cindy Talcott in the basement of the Potsdam Church of the Nazarene and continues to help Saint Lawrence County residents with basic needs. The organization will celebrate 19 years in operation this year.

Helping Hands offers a free lunch four days a week, free furniture, appliances and housewares, heating and utility assistance, car repairs, assistance to fire victims and a food

pantry.

The Christian P. House Memorial Furniture Barn, run by Helping Hands, has helped people from all over St. Lawrence County furnish their homes after domestic violence, home fires, as well as young people just starting out on their own.

Summer camps offered

WINTHROP – Camp Mandaville, 165 Sheldon Rd., Winthrop, is offering the following summer camps this year:

- Mini Camp (1st-3rd graders), July 5-8 (Wednesday – Saturday), \$175;
- All Girls, with equestrian option (5th-7th Graders), July 17-22 (Monday-Saturday), \$265/\$365;
- Pioneer Boys, July 17-22 (Monday-Saturday), \$290;
- Mega Camp (3rd-6th graders), July 24-29 (Monday-Saturday), \$265; and
- Teen Week (7th-12th graders), July 31-Aug. 5 (Monday – Saturday), \$290.

Register for any of the camps online at www.campmandaville.org.

North Country Arts Festival planned

POTSDAM — SLC Arts' annual North Country Arts Festival kicks off Aug. 24 with events planned until Sept. 2 at locations around St. Lawrence County.

The 2023 North Country Arts

CFC center to stage musical

MADRID — The Arts Program of NNY at Christian Fellowship Center, 3662 County Route 14, will present Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat July 20 and 21, both at 7 p.m., and June 22 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Featuring a full cast of 46 community members from the local Northern NY area, the production features singing, dancing, and a children's choir.

The play tells the story of a man who overcomes impossible odds and becomes a hero in his time. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat has been a much-loved and popular musical for many years.

Tickets are \$5-\$15 and available online at TheArtsProgram.Org.

Festival schedule includes:

- Thursday, Aug. 24 — Art After Dark: 51st Anniversary Burlesque Fundraiser in Potsdam
- Friday, Aug. 25 — Folklife Celebration in Canton
- Saturday, Aug. 26 — Madrid Music in Madrid and Ives Park Concert Series: Miss Angie's Music in Potsdam
- Sunday, Aug. 27 — Arts Wellness Day in Potsdam
- Monday, Aug. 28 — Art/Work Speaker Series in Potsdam
- Tuesday, Aug. 29 — Events at Frederic Remington Museum in Ogdensburg; and Poetry Showcase Event in Potsdam
- Wednesday, Aug. 30 — Exhibit Opening at St. Lawrence University's Brush Gallery in Canton

• Thursday, Aug. 31 — Creatives Rebuild New York Artist Showcase in Potsdam and Canton

- Friday, Sept. 1 — Colton Art Trail in Colton; Regional Arts Celebration in Ogdensburg
- Saturday, Sept. 2 — Potsdam Porchfest and Art Market in Potsdam; Ives Park Concert Series: Hardcore/Punk in Potsdam
- Throughout the Festival — Plein Air Festival at local farms across the county; Paint & Sip events across the county; Community classes and workshops; Partner organization events and exhibits.

More details will be released as the festival draws nigh.

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EXHIBIT . . .

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online exhibition includes price information and a link to the Museum's online shop.

The artists in the exhibition are: Peter Basta, Carthage, NY; Brad Byrd, Landers, CA; Sharon H.J. Cheng, Potsdam, NY; Steven C. Cobb, Massena, NY; Aimee Douglass, Massena, NY; Kimberly Eiss, Watertown, NY; Gregory Fedchak, Boonville, NY; Vincent Grey, Hammond, NY; Vicky Hollis, Lisbon, NY; Frederick Holman, Brant Lake, NY; Mary Woodcock Johnson, Saranac Lake, NY; Chevelle Keith, Heuvelton, NY; Gary Larsen, Edinburg, NY; Diane Leifheit, Paul Smiths, NY; Barry Lobdell, Saranac Lake, NY; Brenda Maxson, Gouverneur, NY; Bailey McChesney, Danville, IN; Doug McDonald, Ogdensburg, NY; Janell McNeil, Ogdensburg, NY; Eleanor Morgan, Potsdam, NY; Lynda Mussen, Peru, NY; Lynda Naske, Johnstown, NY; Sandra Nestlerode-Hale, Colton, NY; Charlie Patterson, Constable,

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The Frederic Remington Art Museum is located at 303 Washington St.

CALENDAR . . .

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jewelry by "HYSIE'S CRAFTS" and "THIRTY-ONE" will be featured. There will be raffles, door prizes and appetizers. \$5 admission.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Ice cream social
PARISHVILLE — First Baptist Church

of Parishville, 1742 State Highway 72, is hosting a free ice cream social with music Sunday, June 25 at 6 p.m.

John Jorgenson concert

NORWOOD — The Norwood Village Green Concert Series will continue its 50th Anniversary Season on Sunday, June 25 with a performance from Grammy Award winners, The John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band at 7 p.m. Info: nvgcs.org or call 315-261-2866.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

Art, activism, urbanism

POTSDAM — Award-winning artist Matthew Mazzotta will discuss his community-specific public projects, which integrate new forms of civic participation and social engagement into the built environment, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Potsdam Public Library. His work can be viewed at <https://www.matthewmazzotta.com/>. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/art-work-speaker-series-matthew-mazzotta-tickets-648082370817>.

Army Jazz Ambassadors

POTSDAM — The Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band will present a free concert at SUNY Potsdam's Helen M. Hosmer Concert Hall on Monday, June 26 at 7 p.m. This concert is free, and the public is invited to attend. To learn more about events at SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music, visit www.potsdam.edu/crane.

Writers' group meets

CANTON — The Canton writers' group meets by Zoom June 26. The group meets the second and last Monday of every month. Members share what they've written for feedback and fun. Join the group by emailing cantonwriters0@gmail.com for details on time and to be included in the Zoom invitation.

Hopkinton board meets

HOPKINTON — Hopkinton Town Board will meet Monday, June 26 at 7 p.m. at town hall to discuss the summer recreation program. The public is encouraged to attend.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

Golden Agers meet

NORWOOD — Norwood Golden Agers Senior Citizen Club meets Tuesday, June 27 at 1 p.m. at St Phillips Church on Main Street. Info: 315-466-6723.

WEDS., JUNE 28

Singer-songwriters

MADRID — The 2023 Madrid Dam Music Series will feature vocalist Sammie Ibey performing cover songs by John Denver, Archie Turner, and Carrie Woodcock performing singer-songwriter originals and covers (2nd hour) on Wednesday, June 28 from 6-8 p.m.

Free lunch

NORWOOD — St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 42 South Main St., will offer its monthly goodwill luncheon Wednesday, June 28, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Menu: hotdogs on rolls with Michigan sauce, baked beans, salads, and fresh fruit. All are welcome.

Blood drive

CANTON — A blood drive will be held at Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, 5955 US-11, on June 28 from 1-6 p.m. Info: RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS.

THURS., JUNE 29

Exhibit reception

POTSDAM — SLC Arts will host a reception for its 2023 Town Hall exhibit, "My Beautiful Garden!" on Thursday, June 29 at 5 p.m. at the Potsdam Town Hall. Artists will be given the opportunity to discuss their work.

White, Tartaglia, Fox

NORWOOD — The Norwood Village Green Concert Series will continue its 50th Anniversary Season on Thursday, June 29 with a variety of performances from local musicians Nicole White and Maria Tartaglia, as well as Theresa "Bear" Fox - Kaieri Niionkwetake at 7 p.m. Info: nvgcs.org or call 315-261-2866.

Bottle drive underway

HERMON — B&B is hosting a bottle drive June 29-July 7 to benefit the DeKalb Revitalization Committee. Funds will go toward future events like movies in the park and the publication of their Hermon-DeKalb Business Directory. Drop off bottles and cans at B&B Bottle Redemption Center, 120 Canton St., and say it is a donation to the DRC.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Orchestra concert

POTSDAM — The Orchestra of Northern New York will host its Fantastic Film Favorites concert to ring in the Fourth of July holiday on Friday, June 30 from

7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Helen M. Hosmer Concert Hall at the Crane School of Music. The orchestra will salute July 4th, thank active-duty military and veterans with patriotic favorites, and celebrate America's love of the movies with songs like "Fanfare for American War Heroes," "Armed Forces Salute," and "The Stars and Stripes Forever." Tickets are available for purchase at www.onny.org.

Mockingbirds

RUSSELL — The Mockingbirds will perform old-time and folk music at the Russell Theatre Friday, June 30 from 7-9 p.m. The band is George Dodds, guitar, vocals; Don Woodcock, fiddle, vocals; Barb Heller, guitar, vocals; Camilla Ammiratti, banjo, vocals. Suggested donation: \$10. Refreshments, 50/50. Info: 315-347-2358.

Blood drive

POTSDAM — A blood drive will be held June 30, 12:30-5:30 p.m., at Church of Jesus Christ of latter-day Saints, 21 Castle Dr. Info: RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Golf fundraiser

NORWOOD — A golf tournament to raise funds for Norwood Volunteer Fire Department for the annual 4th of July fireworks is planned for Friday, June 30 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Golf Course, 233 River Rd. There is a sign up space list for 40 golfers and they are allowed to bring their own coolers. Cost: \$20 per person for 9 holes.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

3D archery fun shoot

NORFOLK — Norfolk Rod and Gun Club, Cemetery Road, will host a 3D archery fun shoot Saturday, July 1 with 15 targets, twice around. Registration from 8-10 a.m. Cost: \$10 Adults, 17 and younger shoot for free.

Brassy Ice Cream Social

CHILDWOLD — The Potsdam Brass Quintet will kick off the Orchestra of Northern New York's Summer Chamber Music Series on July 1 with a Classy, Brassy Ice Cream Social. Festivities begin at 1 p.m. at the Childwold Memorial Presbyterian Church. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy great music with cake and ice cream as an outreach initiative of the Orchestra of Northern New York and The Secret Sits Pro Musica Ensembles, Gull Pond, NY and Athens, GA. The quintet celebrates its 55th Anniversary this year. Info: onny.org.

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Submitted Photo

Johnson Towing & Recovery in Canton was recently named a 2023 Service Provider of Excellence by AAA. Pictured above, from the left, are owner Eric Johnson, Drew Johnson and Dan Currier.

AAA honors Johnson Towing in Canton

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON – If you have lived in the North Country for the past 20 years and couldn't start your vehicle or needed a tow, you probably called Johnson Towing & Recovery in Canton, especially if you are a member of AAA.

Owner Eric Johnson's prompt and courteous services has not gone unnoticed by AAA who recently named Johnson Towing & Recovery a 2023 Service Provider of Excellence.

"We are thrilled to be recognized as a AAA Service Provider of Excellence," said Johnson. "This award symbolizes our deep commitment to providing AAA members with the best experience possible, especially in times when they need us most."

Johnson Towing, located on Rt.11 between Canton and Potsdam, is the only AAA towing and Approved Auto Repair facility serving Canton, Potsdam, and the surrounding area. Their mission is to make your inconvenient situation better by consistently fulfilling our brand promise to redefine the towing experience.

This award recognizes AAA roadside service providers that provide stellar service to members when it matters most and are also actively involved in

their local communities. Out of nearly 8,200 service providers that provide roadside assistance, only 12 received this honor in 2023. Johnson's received the bronze award in the small facility category.

"Our unrivaled roadside assistance is the top reason why people continue to join AAA," said Jim Nixon, Vice President of Automotive Service at AAA Western and Central New York. "And it has to be said – that's directly attributable to service providers like Johnson's who rescue our members on a daily basis and deliver the best in customer service every single time, often going above and beyond. Plus, they risk their lives on the roadside to do so!"

Service providers across the country are nominated based on certain criteria, including exceptional service to members, high satisfaction with member communication during a service call, response time, technician training, industry recognition and community involvement. Johnson is part of a select group representing the best in roadside assistance that AAA has to offer.

Johnson Towing and Recovery is a full-service repair center specializing in providing top-quality service to your vehicle. Services include everything from Towing and Recovery to regular maintenance.

Visit www.johnsonstowingandautorepair.com.

Canton small businesses can apply for CARES funding

CANTON – Applications are now available for the Canton CARES Small Business Grant Program to provide financial assistance to microenterprises and small businesses impacted by the pandemic.

Director of Economic Development Leigh Rodriguez, explained the Canton Cares Small Business Grant Program (CCSBGP) has been established to provide grants to microenterprises and small busi-

Grand opening at orchard

RENSSELAER FALLS - Applewood Orchards celebrated their grand opening on Saturday, June 10, with a ribbon cutting ceremony presented by the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, surrounded by family, elected officials, dignitaries, and representatives from local partnerships.

The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce welcomes Applewood Orchards as a new member and recognizes their success as the most recent Business in Transition in St. Lawrence County.

The Brice and Conklin families were excited to take on this new entity and keep the North Country tradition going for families throughout our communities.

nesses with less than 25 employees in the Village that have been impacted by the pandemic. Rodriguez will also serve as the CCSBGP program manager

As such, the primary goal of the program is to address improvements that support customer and staff safety and improve business resiliency related to future occurrences of the virus or other disasters; allowing businesses to prepare for, prevent, or respond to impacts of the pandemic.

A 2022 Community Development Block Grant to the Village is providing \$500,000 in funds to support the CCSBGP. All types of microenterprises and small businesses within the Village of Canton will be eligible for consideration, with the exception of not-for-profits. Businesses must commit to demonstrating job retention or creation with at least 51% of jobs taken by or made available to low-moderate income

persons. A microenterprise owner can also qualify by meeting the definition of a low-moderate income person.

All applicants must demonstrate how the proposed use of funds will enable the business to prepare for, prevent, or respond to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prospective applicants should contact the Office of Economic Development (OED) for application information. The OED will screen applicants for program eligibility, and provide application materials to those interested. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until funds are expended.

For more information please contact Leigh Rodriguez, Program Manager, at (315) 386-2871 #5, or lrodriguez@cantonnny.gov.

People can also visit the Village of Canton website at www.cantonnny.gov

SUNY Canton commercial named 'Best of Category'

CANTON – A commercial produced by the SUNY Canton Office of Public Relations has received a top award in SUNY's annual statewide competition.

The 30-second advertisement for the college's Cybersecurity program received a "Best of Category" honor from the SUNY Council for University Advancement (SUNYCUAD) at their annual conference held June 8.

The ad took first place in the "Videos: Commercials" group, which was judged by a panel of SUNY marketing and development professionals.

The SUNYCUAD Awards for Excellence honor the top work from SUNY's 64 campuses in design, advertising, marketing, and development.

The winning commercial premiered in Fall 2022 to coincide with an announcement that the degree had been selected as a National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security Program of Study.

It was produced and edited by college Videographer William P. Young, scripted by Public Relations Manager Lorette A. Murray and narrated by SUNY Canton alumnus Alec Knowles.

"Our team worked cohesively to conceptualize and produce a com-

mercial that is as equally impactful and as visually appealing as an ad designed for a global brand," said SUNY Canton Public Relations Director Travis G. Smith. "The videography, music, script and voiceover all work to grab the viewer's attention and hold it until the final frame. It's one of the best commercials we've ever produced."

Smith noted that it was executed in a relatively short time frame on a shoestring budget. "This award is indicative of the outstanding talent we have in our office, and it's gratifying that we are able to compete - and win - against some of the most creative professionals in SUNY," he added.

The commercial has appeared throughout the Central and Northern New York television markets during high-profile sporting events, such as the NFL's AFC Divisional Playoff and AFC Championship games.

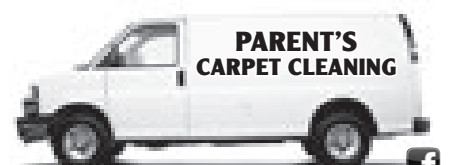
It was also part of a paid targeted marketing campaign on YouTube and Meta, amassing nearly 600,000 views on the college's YouTube channel, making it the most viewed SUNY Canton video to date.

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Hydrogen production company eyes Massena; seeks tax relief

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA — Hydrogen production company Air Products is set to receive property tax relief during the St. Lawrence County IDA as part of a planned \$500 million facility that could bring as many as 65 jobs to the area.

Industrial Development Agency board members unanimously approved the resolution during a May 23 meeting. IDA members also agreed to assist Air Products seek a sales tax exemption.

“They’re seeking a PILOT that is a deviation from a standard 10-year PILOT,” Pat Kelly, CEO of the IDA said.

Instead, Air Products will seek a 15-year PILOT.

According to Kelly, the next steps will include hammering out a final deal regarding a PILOT for Air Products before holding a public hearing on the potential tax breaks. Following that, a vote will

be held by the IDA board to officially approve the tax breaks.

Kelly commented on the low key nature of the project, saying that it appeared the public was not aware of just what would potentially happen in Massena.

“I think more is being said outside of the area and other areas that might also be potentially affected,” Kelly said.

Board Member Ernie LaBaff noted that many residents in the North Country are likely jaded after years of potentially industrial development and job creation, only to be continually disappointed.

“I get calls all the time about this project and that project. They’re anticipating something happening with all the land and substance down there from the past mills, the past plants,” LaBaff noted.

According to LaBaff, residents are skeptical because nothing has really gained momentum since losing numerous jobs at Alcoa and Arconic, as well as the closing of

the GM plant in 2007.

LaBaff said the potential creation of 65 jobs in Massena would be a huge boost to the local job force and local economy.

“You bring 65 jobs here and they’ll pin a medal of honor on you,” Labaff told Kelly.

Kevin McAuliffe, an attorney from Barclay Damon in Syracuse, who represents Air Products, elaborated further on the company’s plans for Massena.

According to McAuliffe, Air Products will initially hire 65 employees but expansion plans will allow for continued workforce growth.

As production ramps up, Air Products will eventually utilize all land available and could potentially double the scale of the operation.

“I don’t think it would double the employment but it certainly would add a lot more jobs,” he said.

McAuliffe also clarified that all

previous presentations, including one held with the Massena Town Planning Board, were for a “doubled project size” that would utilize the entirety of the land available to Air Products.

“We’re not committing to doing that now because, as all of you know, the use of liquid hydrogen in trucks and buses is relatively new to the market. We have to ascertain how quickly this will be absorbed in New York,” he said.

That doesn’t mean that the project will not fully expand, McAuliffe noted.

“We’d be happy to be back to you in a couple of years to modify the PILOT, to modify the relationship and on land that will be the leased premises, to build an expanded plant,” he said.

“So we could potentially anticipate more jobs, I’ve got no problem with that,” Labaff said.

In regards to the environmental impact, Kelly also noted that Air Products is an environmentally

friendly company with plans to implement a green project.

“This is a nearly totally green project as well,” Kelly said.

“I don’t think anyone will care if they’re black, white or blue. This would be big for Massena,” Labaff said.

Air Products previously announced the facility will produce 35 metric tons per day, with commercial operation of the facility is targeted to begin in 2026-27.

The New York Power Authority has already approved 94 megawatts of low-cost hydroelectric power for Air Products in a move that will assist in bringing the facility to Massena.

Air Products was founded in 1940 but first began producing hydrogen in the early 1960’s, first shipping product to market in 1963.

Air Products operates in 50 countries with 21,000 employees and a net value of nearly \$13 billion dollars.

Opening day of farmers markets planned

BY RYAN KRUGMAN
GardenShare

As the vibrant colors of spring transition to the bountiful flavors of summer, get ready to welcome new fruits and vegetables to your local farmers market! GardenShare and local farmers will be welcoming summer produce at the opening of the summer farmers markets in Gouverneur on June 22, Canton on June 23, and Potsdam on the 24th.

At each opening day event there will be kid friendly entertainment events, including sidewalk chalk drawing and a story walk of “The Old Truck,” by Jarrett and Jerome Pumphery, highlighting the importance of diversity and determination in our agricultural industry.

Educational aspects will be run by GardenShare’s summer intern through No Kid Hungry, Claire Murphy. Claire will help customers explore the use and benefits of SNAP/EBT tokens at farmers markets and the importance of “Eating With The Seasons” by call-

ing attention to various summertime produce, flavors, and recipes.

As always at the farmers markets, there will be produce and craft vendors. Some fresh summer produce to look out for on opening day includes carrots, peas, and strawberries. There will also be meat, eggs, and baked goods. Craft vendors include soaps, quilts, and more. As always, day vendors or non-profits interested in having a table at any of the markets are welcome to reach out to GardenShare at farmersmarkets@garden-share.org.

We encourage everyone to come out to the opening of the summer farmers markets to support local producers and participate in our free family friendly activities! Help us instill the love of shopping at farmers markets to our future generations.

Follow Canton, Gouverneur, and Potsdam’s farmers market Facebook pages to stay updated on the opening of summer farmers market events. To learn more about where to shop locally for food and about food incentive options please visit GardenShare.org.

Sandstone Storage offering U-Haul services in Potsdam

POTSDAM — Sandstone Storage LLC will offer U-Haul service to the Potsdam community.

Partners Scott Kraeger and Daniel Pike at Sandstone Storage, 7289 U.S. Hwy. 11, will offer U-Haul trucks, trailers, towing equipment and support rental items.

Normal business hours are 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Saturday. Reserve U-Haul products at this dealer location by calling (315) 265-3950 or visiting <https://www.uhaul.com/Locations/Truck-Rentals-near->

Potsdam-NY-13676/052548/.

U-Haul has teamed with independent dealers to offer rental equipment to do-it-yourself movers since 1945.

During these challenging times for small businesses, more than 21,000 dealers across the U.S. and Canada are generating supplemental income through their U-Haul affiliation. When customers rent from a U-Haul dealer, they are directly supporting an independent small business in their community.

Extra SNAP benefits available

FreshConnect Fresh2You initiative is now available at the Canton and Potsdam Farmers Markets through June 30. This program provides double the buying power for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households purchasing food at farmers markets.

Eligible families will be able to purchase local fruits, meats, eggs, honey, maple syrup, vegetables and more.

This additional benefit will provide SNAP families access to healthy food helping offset the recent decrease in SNAP benefits and inflation costs, while increasing revenue for local farmers. The

FreshConnect Fresh2You program works when SNAP households visit the farmers markets manager table to use their card. For every \$2 in SNAP benefits spent, customers will receive an additional \$2 FreshConnect check. This check can be used to purchase any SNAP eligible food item at the markets.

Visit the Canton Farmers Market in the Canton Village Park, on Tuesdays/Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and/or Potsdam Farmers Market in the Ives Park, on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

GardenShare is excited to work with the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets to offer this resource to our community.

Business directory for DeKalb, Hermon, Richville

DEKALB JUNCTION - The DeKalb Revitalization Committee is compiling a business directory for the towns of Hermon and DeKalb, including Richville.

The organization is asking all business owners to complete a registration form available online to provide their company’s information such as location, business hours, contact information, and 2-3 sentences summarizing what services or goods they offer.

The registry will be part of a greater Hermon and DeKalb Area Guide which will highlight the history of the community, local attractions, and a FAQ section about the area and its resources.

The DRC hopes to publish this directory later this summer on the Hermon and DeKalb town websites and offer a hard-copy version.

It is free to be listed in the directory but the committee is exploring the opportunity for businesses to place additional ads for a small fee to cover the cost of publication and distribution.

By publishing this directory, the DRC hopes to provide more exposure for small businesses and to also open a dialogue between the organization and local entrepreneurs in order to further support and expand community businesses.

The DRC will be reaching out to HD businesses via email and/or USPS in the coming week. The deadline for registration is July 1. The link for the survey is: <https://forms.gle/KHfie5Ch9rXFoJzj9>

Anyone with questions should contact Janice Brabaw at DeKalbRevitalizationCommittee@gmail.com.

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Town of Canton Highway Department

Town of Canton, New York, is accepting applications for a full time Motor Equipment Operator (MEO). The Town includes two villages, and three hamlets with 100 miles of road to maintain.

MEO performs a variety of semi-skilled and skilled work in operation of moderately complex motor equipment used in highway repair, construction and maintenance projects and other public works activities. Entry level hourly rate \$26.31/hour with benefits. Potential for promotion to a Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO).

Candidate will be responsible and proficient in operation and maintenance of small motor equipment and conduct plowing and sanding that is in compliance with town highway operating safety policies.

Candidates will be expected to participate in a drug and alcohol testing program.

Candidate must meet the following qualifications:

- A. High school diploma, high school equivalency diploma, or an Individual Education Plan Certificate;
- B. Knowledge of safe and efficient operation and maintenance of a variety of motor equipment;
- C. Ability to read and understand assigned equipment operations and servicing information;
- D. Possess mechanical aptitude;
- E. Willingness to respond to emergencies/work under adverse weather conditions;
- F. Dependability, good inter-personal skills, exhibit integrity and sound judgement; strong work ethic.
- G. Physical condition commensurate with demands of light-to-heavy physical labor;
- H. Possession of valid NYS Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL). License number and date of issue must be on the application;
- I. Experience in operation of highway construction/maintenance of equipment desired.

Send completed application (available on-line at www.cantonny.gov or in the Town Clerk's office), resume, three letters of recommendation, and a copy of certification(s) to **Town Highway Superintendent, 60 Main Street, Canton, NY 13617.**

Town of Canton is an Equal Opportunity Employer

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Friday - July 7, 2023, 1:00 pm



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Licensed Practical Nurse

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Minimum Qualifications:

Current License or Eligible to Obtain New York State Licensure

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St. Regis Falls Central School District (EO/AEE) is accepting applications for the following position:

Secondary English Language Arts (ELA) Teacher
Salary: Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

Bus Driver (10-Month)
Salary: \$20.86 / hr. (Minimum 6.5 hrs. / day)

Applications are available at <http://www.stregiscsd.org/district/employment-opportunities> or by calling (518) 856-9421 ext. 1007. Please submit the following attachments as part of your completed application:

For ELA Teacher:

- Current Resume
- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation
- Copy of College Diploma(s)
- Copy of Teaching Certificate(s)
- Complete and official transcripts

For Bus Driver:

- Current Resume
- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation
- Copy of CDL License with Passenger ("P") and School ("S") endorsements
- Proof of NYS DMV Fingerprinting Clearance
- Proof of NYSED Basic Drivers Course or completed within 1st year of employment

Application deadline: June 30, 2023 or until filled

Complete applications can be emailed to bsusice@stregiscsd.org or mailed to:

St. Regis Falls Central School
Attn: **Brittany Susice, Administrative Assistant**
PO Box 309, 92 North Main Street
St. Regis Falls, NY 12980

EOE






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

School Purchasing Agent
Located: North Franklin Education Center, Malone
OR
Adirondack Educational Center, Saranac Lake
Start date: ASAP
Salary - \$48,000 - \$62,000

Qualifications, job description and application can be found online at:
<http://www.fehb.org/employmentopportunities>

Application Deadline: Until Filled
Queries should be directed to:
Jamie L. O'Dell, Director of Finance and Management Services
PO Box 28, Malone, NY 12953
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Email: jodell@feh.org

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Massena & Ogdensburg Locations

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Fax resume to (315)541-2034 or send via email to slpc.humanresources@omh.ny.gov



Canton Central School
is accepting applications for the following anticipated positions:

- **FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER**
7-12 French or Spanish certification required. Please include a cover letter, resume, three letters of reference, and transcripts with your application. Applications are due by **4:00 pm Wed., June 28, 2023**
- **AIDES & TEACHING ASSISTANTS** (NYS certification Required)
Applications are due by 12:00 pm Friday, June 30, 2023

Applications can be found at:
<https://www.ccsdk12.org/employment>

Canton Central School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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

Principal Account Clerk

Qualifications, job description and application can be found online at:
<http://www.fehb.org/employmentopportunities>

Deadline to apply: Until Filled

Queries should be directed to:
Jamie L. O'Dell, Director of Finance and Management Services
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Procurement Specialist: Under the direction of the Procurement Manager, the Procurement Specialist is responsible to assist in all aspects of the procurement process of goods, equipment and services for the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal programs. In addition to the guidelines of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe policies and procedures, internal controls. **Status:** Full-Time. **Salary:** \$30,014.40-\$46,030.40 **Deadline:** July 5, 2023. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Claims Analyst: Under the direction of the Purchased/Referred Care Supervisor, the Claims Analyst in Purchased/Referred Care (P/RC) will analyze and process third party health claims in a manner consistent with medical, administrative, ethical, legal and regulatory requirements in all areas of the Business Office. The Claims Analyst will process payment owing to third party insurance payers which have been authorized for payment under the Purchased/Referred Care program. **Status:** Full-Time. **Salary:** \$31,241.60-\$65,894.40 **Deadline:** July 5, 2023. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Purchased/Referred Care Specialist: Under the direction of the Purchased/Referred Care Supervisor, the Purchased/Referred Care Specialist in the Purchased/Referred Care department will compile, process and maintain accounts payable of Health Services in a manner consistent with medical, administrative, ethical, legal and regulatory requirements in all areas of the Business Office. The

Purchased/Referred Care Specialist assumes responsibility for processing payment of purchased/referred care expenditures to outside providers after the patient's alternate resources have been utilized. **Status:** Full-Time. **Salary:** \$31,241.60-\$65,894.40 **Deadline:** Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Nutrition Services Aide: St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging is seeking applicants for the title of Nutrition Services Aide for various Nutrition Centers located in Brasher, Canton, Gouverneur, Morristown or Potsdam. The part-time, permanent positions offer a comprehensive benefit package to include medical, dental and vision; as well as NYS Retirement. Starting salary is \$15/hr. Primary duties include: preparing and serving lunches at nutrition centers for older adults; as well as delivering meals to homebound seniors. Hours are Monday - Friday: 7 am - 1 pm. A valid New York State Motor Vehicle Driver's License is required. A civil service exam is not required. An application and full job description can be obtained from the County's website: www.slcpersonnel.org or contact Human Resources at (315) 379-2210. AA/EEO.

Potsdam Co-op now hiring a part-time cook for our Prepared Foods department. Experience working in a natural foods deli, as well as vegetarian and vegan cooking is highly preferred. Applications available in store or apply online at www.potsdamcoop.com/employment
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BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORKER: The Massena Housing Authority has an opening for a building maintenance worker - full time employment, including on-call rotation. Residency requirement: must live within 45 minutes of MHA and be a resident of St. Lawrence County. Pre-employment physical required. Candidates must possess and maintain a driver's license to perform the duties of the position. Work includes but is not limited to: masonry, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, welding, and painting; outdoor seasonal maintenance including plowing and shoveling, mowing and raking; performing preventive maintenance on heating/cooling systems. Candidates should possess knowledge of building and grounds maintenance/repair practices. Ability to follow oral and written instructions, establish and maintain effective working relationships with others, and follow pre-established work safety requirements. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma is required. Minimum of one (1) year experience in building construction, maintenance, or repair work in one or more of the standard building trades such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, masonry, etc. also required. Pay rate is between \$20.65/hour- \$22.72/hour, depending on experience and education. Benefits include medical, dental and vision insurance, NYS Retirement, paid holidays, vacation and sick time, among others AA/EEO. Interested parties should submit a St. Lawrence County Civil Service Application for Employment and a Resume by July 10, 2023, to Massena Housing Authority, 20 Robinson Rd. Massena, NY 13662.

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Registered Nurse: The Registered Nurse (RN) is a member of the Clinical Treatment Team that guides the overall care and support of our clients at the Partridge House. The RN is responsible for the nursing care of clients which includes completing medical assessments, administration of medications, communicating with physicians, nurse practitioners, and other healthcare team members and referral to medical aftercare services to ensure the highest quality client care. **Status:** Part-time, Non-Exempt. **Salary:** \$27.29-\$41.03 **Deadline:** Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov.

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Applications are due by noon on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Substitutes in all areas are also being accepted, this is an ongoing search without an application deadline. Applications can be submitted online at www.ekcsc12.org. Transcripts should be sent to the attention of Brandi Graham, District Clerk, 2512 CR 24, Hermon, NY 13652

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Receptionist/Call Center Position at a Canton Animal Clinic, email your resume and cover letter to info@cantonanimalclinic.com

Licensed Veterinary Technician Position open at a Canton Animal Clinic, New York State License (or one in-process required) email your resume and cover letter to info@cantonanimalclinic.com

The Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DDEI) is committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming campus experience, in line with the mission of the State University of New York (SUNY) at Potsdam. The DDEI invites on-line applications for a Program Coordinator, (Staff Assistant, SL-2), who will work to foster a welcoming and nurturing environment for students, with a focus on students from historically underrepresented and marginalized communities. Required qualifications: Bachelor's degree in student services - or other social science field, one year's experience working with building relationships with students from diverse backgrounds, and valid Driver's License with ability to drive. We are seeking candidates who possess communication and interpersonal skills sufficient to work effectively with an increasingly diverse array of students and colleagues and who



Brasher Falls Central School

is in need of the following for the 2023-2024 school year:

- **Middle School Special Education Teacher (CT/RR)**

Candidates must be NYS Certified.

Applications are due by **June 26, 2023.**

Applications are obtainable on our website or contact the Superintendent's Office

(315) 389-5131 Ext. 29108 or email cdelisle@bfcsd.org.



**HEUVELTON
Central School District**

is accepting applications for an anticipated tenure track position:

SCHOOL COUNSELOR (Gr. 7-12)

NYS certification required.

Applications available online at <https://www.heuvelton.k12.ny.us/>, or send letter of interest, completed application, resume and three current letters of recommendation to:

Tessa Herron, District Clerk
P.O. Box 375, Heuvelton, NY 13654
APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 7, 2023 or until filled

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**General Engineer
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View complete posting on www.USAJOBS.gov (search on Massena, NY).

Closing date is 09/01/2023 with an early consideration on 7/02/2023

For guidance please watch 'How to Apply for Federal Jobs', among other informational videos, on www.youtube.com/user/usajobsapp. For additional questions email U.S. Department of Transportation's Automated Staffing Office -TRANSJOBS@dot.gov.

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MASSENA, NY



**MALONE CENTRAL SCHOOL
VACANCY
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Malone Central School District is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the 2023-2024 School Year:

Special Patrol Officer

(Must meet Civil Service Requirements Salary \$45,000)

Apply to: Dr. Stan Maziejka Interim Superintendent
42 Husky Lane
Malone, NY 12953

Anticipated 5th Grade Teacher
Anticipated Earth Science Teacher
Middle School Principal
High School Assistant Principal
Substitute Teachers

Sub Teaching Assistants, Sub Teacher Aides, Sub School Monitor, Sub Clerical, Sub Laborer, Sub Bus Driver, Sub Bus Monitor, Sub Nurses, Sub Cleaners

Applications are due by **June 28, 2023**

Applications available at
<http://www.maloneschools.org>

Please submit applications to:
Heather Hardy, Human Resources Assistant
Malone Central School District, PO Box 847, Malone, NY 12953
518-483-7800 • hmhardy@maloneschools.org

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Controller

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a Controller position. This is full time, 12-month, administrative position.

Reporting directly to the Vice President of Finance and Administration, the Controller works closely with, and under the direction of the Vice President of Finance and Administration. The Controller is responsible for supervision of the day-to-day financial operations of the University including accounts receivable, accounts payable, general ledger, fixed asset management, cash management and payroll. The Controller responsibilities further address the preparation of the University's financial statements, preparation of reports for internal and external constituencies, assure the use of general accepted accounting principles, and compliance with federal, state, local and College policies and procedures, and assists with the development and implementation of the annual budget.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <http://employment.stlawu.edu>. St. Lawrence University is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer.



Assistant/Associate Director of Admissions

Reporting to the Executive Director of Admissions, the primary duties of the Assistant/Associate Director are to contribute to the recruitment and enrollment of the freshman class each year through a territory management structure. The successful candidate will lead, plan, and implement admissions procedures, operations, correspondence and contact with prospective students, applicants, and matriculating students for a primary recruitment territory. The candidate will perform outreach and engagement with potential students and parents, create presentations, evaluate candidates for admission and independently make decisions on recommendations for admission and merit scholarships, and use financial aid knowledge to evaluate and counsel students in personal interviews.

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Helping Hands is a non-profit faith based organization providing assistance for those in need. There is currently an opening for a **PART TIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**.

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Critical to this position is the ability to work with a diverse client base and volunteer workers. Good organizational skills, working knowledge of various computer programs including Microsoft office is essential. Hands on daily operations of the organization include oversight of the maintenance of the facility.

Twenty hours weekly Monday to Thursday 8:30 am - 1:30pm. Starting at \$20.00 hourly.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATION: Experience with Non-Profit organizations.

Forward letter of interest and resume to:

Helping Hands of Potsdam, Inc.
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NOTABLE

Bobby Gordon of Potsdam was honored with the Service Above Self Award by the Rotary Club of Potsdam at their annual meeting on June 8. Gordon was given the award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the Potsdam community. Gordon graduated from Cornell University in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and earned a master's degree in education in 1967. The family moved to the Potsdam area in 1975. She and her husband, Ed, are the parents of four adult children.



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Strawberry is the theme

Wearing matching strawberry dresses, Colton sisters Esme, Helen and Cora Snyder celebrated opening day for strawberry picking at Martin's Farmstand in Potsdam June 17, and then looked at the flowers at Agway.

SUNY Potsdam pays tribute to 23 long-time employees

POTSDAM – SUNY Potsdam recently honored 23 longtime employees who retired during the 2022-23 academic year. Together, the faculty and staff members had collectively dedicated an incredible 557 years of service to the institution throughout their careers.

This year's SUNY Potsdam retirees included:

Gunnar Anderson, Modern Languages: 22 years of service, Peter Austin, Physical Plant: 30 years of service, Margaret Ball, Crane School of Music: 10 years of service, John Bard, PACES: 11 years of service, Christine Bradshaw, PACES: 40 years of service, Mylene Catel, Modern Languages: 22 years of service, Patrick Cavanaugh, Custodial Services: 12 years of service, Daniel Clarke, PACES: 15 years of service, Irene Haverstock, Computing and Technology Services: 21 years of service, Abigail Lee, PACES: 18 years of service,

Donald McNutt, English and Communication: 19 years of service, Philip Neisser, President's Office: 30 years of service, Laura Person, Mathematics: 34 years of service, James Petercsak, Crane School of Music: 55 years of service, Donna Planty, College Communications: 37 years of service, Geraldine Powers, PACES: 21 years of service, Laurie Russell, Physical Plant: 22 years of service, Liliana Sarmiento, Modern Languages: 31 years of service, Donald Straight, Secondary Education: 20 years of service, Janet Sussman, Theatre and Dance: 11 years of service, Robert Vadas, Secondary Education: 26 years of service, Gregory Wanamaker, Crane School of Music: 26 years of service, Toby White, Center for Applied Learning: 24 years of service.

To find out more about employment at SUNY Potsdam, visit www.potsdam.edu/offices/hr.

SUNY Potsdam President's List

POTSDAM – The following Potsdam and Canton area students were named to the President's List for the 2023 spring semester at the State University of New York at Potsdam.

To achieve the honor of being on the President's List, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The students include:

Canton: Kate Adams, major in Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Shanelle Borth, Biology, Alexis Bradford, Business Administration, Kati Caldwell, Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Lilly Clifford, Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Paige Corbine, Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Jesse Cunningham, Graphic Design and New Media, Richard Lashock, Speech Communication, Robert Martinez,

County Clerk Office bottle drive nets \$320

CANTON – Sandy Santamoor, St. Lawrence County Clerk, recently presented a check to Matthew Graney, a representative for Donate Life for \$320.

Over 6000 bottles were collected during the county office's bottle drive in April for Donate Life Month.

"We appreciate the support from St. Lawrence County Administrator Ruth Doyle and the help from the St. Lawrence County Buildings and Grounds Staff. I'd like to thank all of the St.

Lawrence County Employees and the public for donating," Santamoor said.

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Psychology, Maggie Murphy, History, Gabe Roberts, Archaeological Studies, Elizabeth St. Andrews, Childhood/Early Childhood Education, and Tristan Whitney, Exploratory/Undeclared.

Madrid: Marissa Johnston, Psychology, Andrew Sior, Arts Management.

Norfolk: Shane Moschillo, Geology, Dawson Searles, Biology, Kaelee Shrewsbury, Psychology, Annabell Smith-Golden, Biology, and Reanna Taylor, Childhood/Early Childhood Education.

Norwood: Jacqueline Butler, Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Andrew Hoover, Philosophy, Emily Jarvis, Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Madison McLean, Sociology, Catherine Phippen, Psychology, and David Scovil, Business Administration.

Parishville: Brooke Hayes, Psychology, and Megan Macwilliams, Community Health.

Potsdam: Grace Austin, Music Education, Susan Baldwin, English

Literature, Jessi Blackmer, BA/MA Mathematics, Daisy Collins, Graphic Design and New Media, Abigail Cook, Psychology, Katrina Cutler, Community Health, Tim Davey, Computer Science, Jacob Fisher, BA/MA Mathematics, William Jadlo, Politics, Andrew Johnson, Psychology, Cyera McNamara, Business Administration, James Meyers, English Writing, Brooke Moore, Speech Communication, Jimmy Neary, Biology, Natalie Pontikes, Music Business, Karl Schreyer, Computer Science, Zachary Seitzer, Criminal Justice Studies, Peyton Snell, Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Sarah Stone, Psychology, Avery Sullivan, International Studies, Madelyn Thompson, Anthropology, Cameo Torres, Business Administration, Martha Walker, Exploratory/Undeclared, Krish Weraduwege, Chemistry, Caroline Winstead, Geology, and Kendra Wright, Psychology.

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SUNY Canton recognizes long list of students on President's List

CANTON – SUNY Canton President Zvi Szafran recognizes the following Potsdam and Canton area students for earning a spot on the spring 2023 President's List.

To earn a spot on the President's List, full-time students must earn a 3.75 or greater GPA during a single semester. A complete list of all honor students runs on www.canton.edu.

Canton: Bailee Bessette, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major; Jonah R. Black, Applied Psychology; Rachael Clifford, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major; Rebecca J. Driggers, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major; Justin Estep, Emergency Management major; Sydney D. Graham, Individual Studies major; James Hewlett, Emergency Management major; Alyssa Jacob, Veterinary Technology major; Joseph D. Mastro, Criminal Investigation major; Mahala K. McIntosh, Electrical Engineering Technology major; Daniel R. Miller, Cybersecurity major; Gianna R. Murphy, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major; Bailey Murray-Vierich, Veterinary Science Technology major; Reed A. Nichols, HVAC Trades

major; Jonathan C. Oakes, Graphic and Multimedia Design major; Nayrouz Sadoun, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major; Abigail Stiles, Individual Studies major; Ashley A. Teriele, Health and Fitness Promotion major; Jennah M. Thompson, Health and Fitness Promotion major; Hayden R. Todd, Health and Fitness Promotion major; and Ashley N. Vanderwege, Healthcare Management major.

Colton: Katie L. Bartlett, Health Care Management major; Jozalynn M. Campbell, Health and Fitness Promotion major; Amber Erwin, Management major; Logan Reed, Electrical Engineering Technology major; Calli J. Thomas, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, and Donovan Warner, Law Enforcement Leadership major.

DeKalb Junction: Keaton R. Brabaw, Electrical Engineering Technology major, Eamon J. Goodwin, Cybersecurity major; Richard H. Haller, Technological Communications major, and Mary Lobdell, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major.

Hermon: Halle Coffey, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major,

Leeann M. Gotham, Management major, Fiona I. Heath, Graphic and Multimedia Design major, Cynthia A. Snyder, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, and Jordyn Whitton, Health and Fitness Promotion major.

Madrid: Adrienna J. Autry, Applied Psychology major, Matisyn Beamer, Business Administration major, Brennan S. Harmer, Sports Management major, Marissa Hawkins, Applied Psychology major, William Murphy, Applied Psychology major, and Raven E. Murphy, Early Childhood Care and Management major.

Nicholville: Trevor M. Austin, Criminal Justice major, Morgan M. Deragon, Applied Psychology major, and Brooke Goddard, Veterinary Technology major.

Norfolk: Zenun Hadzovic, Cybersecurity major, Annick M. Hurd, Applied Psychology major, Noah Jessmer, Graphic and Multimedia Design major, Samantha L. Munson, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, Karli L. Smith, Applied Psychology major, Jason C. Sweet, Information Technology major, and Devin Trimm, Applied Psychology

major.

Norwood: Nichalos A. Burke, a SUNY Canton Finance major, Emily M. Cafarella, Nursing major, Leanne M. French, Nursing major, Emily Kolanko, Health Care Management major, Shannon R. Medonald, Nursing major, Erin Stickney, Technological Communications major, Kevin Strader, Liberal Arts-General Studies major, and Jeremiah L. Sullivan, Health Care Management major.

Parishville: Leland J. Blevins, Finance major.

Potsdam: Logan R. Adams, Civil Engineering Technology major, Charlotte Baldwin, Graphic and Multimedia Design major, Madeline G. Derouchie, Electrical Engineering Technology major, Macy M. Drake, Applied Psychology major, Stormi C. Gardner, Legal Studies major, Nicholas Gregg, Law Enforcement Leadership major, Megan Kuiken, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, Amy E. Lafferty, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, Chidimma Lasisi, Nursing major, Daniel W. Manor, Electrical Construction and Maintenance major, Brittany L. McGregor,

Applied Psychology major, John D. Meyers, Criminal Investigation major, Emily Robar, Applied Psychology major, Olivia Scott, Applied Psychology major, Evan N. Smeby, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, Brittany Taylor, Homeland Security major, Tambre L. Tudor, Applied Psychology major, and Brenna R. Woods, Physical Therapist Assistant major.

Rensselaer Falls: Krystal E. Arce-neaux Gagnon, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, Christopher S. Hall, Health and Fitness Promotion major, Savona Hanna, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, and Martha J. Stiles, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major.

Russell: Dekoda L. Matthews, Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, and Jace A. Robert, Undeclared major.

South Colton: Kaitlynn Long, Nursing major.

West Stockholm: Dylan T. Bradley, Information Technology major, Colleen D. Cheney, Graphic and Multimedia Design major, and Brooke A. Rutkauskas, Legal Studies major.

SUNY Potsdam Dean's List

POTSDAM – The following Potsdam and Canton area students were named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List at State University of New York at Potsdam. To achieve the honor of being on the Dean's List, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of between 3.25 and 3.49 in the given semester.

The students included: Canton:

Gaby Ames, Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Riley Burke, Childhood/Early Childhood Education, and Braydon LeVac, Business Administration.

DeKalb Junction: Gigi Gardinier, Graphic Design and New Media.

Edwards: Camryn Bullock, Mathematics.

Madrid: Ben Averill, Exercise Science, Megan Burwell, Exercise Science, Caitlyn Harris, Biology, and Cheyenne Planty, Sociology.

Norfolk: Cassandra Arno, Psychology.

Norwood: Bekk Chudzinski, Exercise Science, and Noah Dominny, Geology.

Parishville: Emily Collins, Biology.

Potsdam: Rachele Cain, Criminal Justice Studies, Rebecca Cain, Physics, Pandora Gagliano, History, Piper Gollaher, Graphic Design and New Media, Olivia Huntley, Criminal Justice Studies, Samantha Marsh, Psychology, Kieran Matthis, Biology, Rose Sammons, Music Business, and Keely Towne, Business Administration.

Russell: Jesse Bullock, Geology.

Potsdam Rotary honors Pelkey as Paul Harris Fellow

POTSDAM – Duane M. Pelkey of Madrid was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow and inducted as 2023-2024 president by the Rotary Club of Potsdam at their annual meeting on June 8.

He was honored for his demonstrated commitment to the goals and purposes of Rotary and "in appreciation of his tangible assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world."

As noted in a nomination of Pelkey for this honor, "Duane stepped up at a critical time and exhibited leadership, despite the fact he has been there before."

Pelkey first joined Rotary 32 years ago in Nimmonsburg, N.Y. He was subsequently a member of the Binghamton, Corning, and Watertown clubs, before joining the Potsdam club about 18 years ago.

He is now completing his third term as president of Potsdam Rotary and will begin his fourth term on July 1.

Both he and his wife, Laurean, are Rotary Bequest Society members. This is Pelkey's second recognition by Potsdam Rotary as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Pelkey graduated from Massena Central in 1983 and SUNY Potsdam in 1989 with a degree in writing, minoring in psychology. He started his career with KeyBank in Watertown and got his first branch management assignment in the Binghamton area.

Pelkey managed a number of progressively larger branches for financial institutions throughout the Southern Tier.

He was working for Fleet Bank in 2001, when Community Bank made one of its many acquisitions and he joined them as a commercial lender.

Back in the North Country since 2006, Pelkey has sat on numerous boards and volunteered for many worthwhile organizations.

He retired from Community Bank in 2020 and he and Laurean co-own Scoops in Potsdam.

One-thousand dollars has been donated in Pelkey's name to the Rotary Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs.

The contribution honoring him will be used for projects like saving the lives of children through immunization, bringing water to remote global villages, or the establishment of hospitals in underdeveloped countries.

Brasher Falls students handed scholarship

Center from Brasher Falls Central School, has been awarded the Thomas Olivo Leadership Award.

The New York State ACTEA Zone Scholarship is awarded to only two students in Zone 2 which includes 14 counties running from St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES all the way south through Central New York to Broome-Tioga BOCES in the Binghamton region.

ACTEA is the Association of Career and Technical Education Administrators. The award is named in honor of Thomas Olivo who was the NYS Education Department's Director of Vocational Education in 1966 when VICA (now known as Skills USA) was established. Gracie is a standout in the Criminal Justice program. She is a member of SkillsUSA, National Technical Honor Society where she serves as

Secretary as well as a member of the Student Leader Program for Seaway Tech. She is known to be outgoing, positive, driven and passionate about all that she does. Students receiving this award are honored with a \$500 scholarship from ACTEA.

Student of Month

POTSDAM – Emma Moreau of Brasher Falls Central School, a student in the Education & Human Services program at BOCES Seaway Tech, is the Rotary Club of Potsdam BOCES Student of the Month for May.

At a Rotary luncheon honoring Moreau, she met with Potsdam Rotarians and was commended for her academic excellence by Seaway Tech School instructor Kayla Merchant.

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Stone Cutters, c. 1900. Workers line up for a photograph outside the Clarkson Sandstone Cutting shop on Pine Street. Stone for home and business foundations, walls, sidewalks, and architectural elements was cut here. The cutters are representative of the various immigrant groups that came to America, including the French, Irish, and Italian. The shop was in operation from 1877 to 1921. (Photo courtesy the Potsdam Public Museum.)

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DOGS....

A special use permit for No Dogs Left Behind, an animal rescue organization operated by Jeffrey Beri, was denied by the St. Lawrence County Planning Board on June 8.

Still kennel concerns

First to speak was Janes Road resident Margaret Mauch who asked the board to hold off on adopting the new zoning law to include provisions governing kennels, rescue centers and animal hospitals.

She requested that a new state law addressing the aforementioned be incorporated in the town's new zoning law.

"I would like the town board to delay this until the next board meeting. There is new information I would like you to consider," she said.

Mauch and a contingent of residents living near the No Dogs Left Behind sanctuary, housed in the former Maple Ridge Kennels, 1734-NY 68, have publicly voiced their displeasure with the facility, mainly complaining about the noise of barking dogs.

Numerous complaints have resulted in a June 26 court date for owner Jeffrey Beri, who was in attendance at Wednesday's meeting but did not comment.

Adoption of a new town zoning law is expected at the town board's July 12 meeting.

Other revisions centered around written concerns from EDF Renewables, developers of the 240-megawatt solar center on the Rich Road.

Project developer Jonathan Geldard, via Zoom, said language in the new town zoning law have been identified that would affect EDF's negotiations with the town.

William Buchan, the town's attorney for solar projects, via Zoom, recommended the board table the zoning law so he can explore concerns, especially with the EDF solar project.

ANTHEM...

Although school officials did not wish to be interviewed for the story, Kelly provided the following statement.

School responds

"There was a request from a graduating senior to sing a solo (or possibly a duet) at our graduation ceremony. We have a structured graduation ceremony that recognizes every student and the achievements they have made over the course of the past thirteen years of their educational careers. The culmination is when each student is called up to receive their diploma. Our structured ceremony does not incorporate any individually requested songs or activities to be performed.

"The ceremony will follow the same traditional format and content as seen in past years. This includes the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, a group performance from our high school choir, various speakers, and of course recognition of our graduates.

"I'm so proud of each and every one of our one hundred Gouverneur High School graduates and all they have accomplished while completing their high school education. I am looking forward to celebrating their achievements as a community at our graduation ceremony."

House says that simply playing a recording of the song was also denied by the school.

Speaking with Superintendent

In conversation with Supt. Kelly two weeks prior to graduation, that House recorded and shared publicly, House questioned why the "Star Spangled Banner" would be per-



Submitted

Eileen Visser, Potsdam, paddles her kayak on a prior excursion before her upcoming 2,200-mile Northwest Passage expedition.

formed but even a simple recording of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" could not be played.

Kelly replied that the graduation ceremony historically did not include solos or duets, which would be the case if Niciara performed the Black national anthem.

But House refuted the claim in the recording. She said solos and duets were performed when she graduated from Gouverneur years ago and her son performed a solo at a more recent graduation ceremony.

Kelly then told her it was too late to add an additional song to the ceremony. House maintained there was ample time.

"They just don't want to play it, they're worried about offending people. It's not like we want them to remove the 'Star Spangled Banner,' we just want them to include the Black National Anthem as well," she told North Country This Week.

At one point, House said school officials decided not to include the "Star Spangled Banner" in this year's commencement ceremony, because it had no relevance to the academic achievements of the students.

But ultimately, Kelly told House that the decision was made to include the national anthem to keep the ceremony traditional. Kelly said community input led to the re-inclusion of the national anthem during the ceremony.

"You yourself are now valuing one version of America over another," House said in the recording.

Kelly rebutted the claim, saying administrators had to be responsive to the statements being made in the community. She said she didn't believe it was discriminatory to include the national anthem.

Conversation with Principal

Earlier, during a June 7 phone conversation that House recorded and shared publicly, Niciara told Wood that numerous schools are playing "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Wood said he was responsible for the graduation program, but the music choices would fall to the three faculty members in the music department.

That was questioned by House, who said Niciara spoke to the music department faculty and they appeared to be okay with the inclusion of "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

"Then she was told it would be discussed among the board, and Corey (Wood) would have the final say," House told NCTW.

Wood told House and her daughter in the recorded phone conversation that they "get how our community is" and that many residents would perceive the inclusion of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" as a "jab" at the national anthem.

Niciara acknowledged some people "would sort of be combative against it" and that would have to be taken into consideration.

"How many times have you come down to my office to discuss racism?" Wood asked her.

Niciara confirmed she did multiple times, detailing a racist incident during which students tore down her posters that promoted the Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Club.

Niciara founded the DEI Club, which has roughly 20 members in grades 9-12.

History of 'Lift Every Voice'

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" was originally a hymn written as a poem by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson.

"The song was first performed by a choir of 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School, where Johnson was principal in Jacksonville, Florida, to celebrate President Abraham Lincoln's birthday," according to the NAACP.

KAYAK...

route was ice-free for the first time in recorded history in 2007, without the need of an ice-breaker.

"The Northwest Passage is even more pristine and untouched than Alaska. It is the last place we humans haven't messed up," said Visser. "It's the only time climate change might be my friend. If it weren't for our greenhouse gas emissions, the Northwest Passage would not be passable."

The expedition is expected to take 100 to 120 days to complete.

The international team trained together in February and April in the Gulf. Team members include Visser, 53, two Texans in their 60s, and a U.K. man in his 30s.

An expedition manager and technologist are also crucial in the success of the trip. They will guide the kayak route, based on weather conditions, coordinate logistics and guide communication.

"The biggest determining factor of success is the weather, with the ocean conditions, waves up to 20 feet, and wind in your face," said Visser.

In bad weather, they plan to stop and stay in tents for up to several days if needed, rather than waste their energy in a losing battle.

"I have an e-reader if I am stuck in a tent for days."

Another challenge is staying safe from polar bears.

"We have motion detectors, air horns, and guns as a last resort for protection from the large carnivores," Visser said.

The two tandem kayaks they will be paddling will also carry a 60-day supply of dried food and fuel for boiling water before reaching their first Inuit village to resupply, 1,000 miles into their trip.

"It will be the first place I can have a shower," she laughed. "The best scenario is a 2,200 mile trip distance, but we may have to detour to other Inuit villages for supplies if needed."

An Alaska native raised off the grid, Visser left at age 16, and has been a Potsdam resident and St. Lawrence University biology teacher for the past 25 years.

"Now that my children are grown, this is a new chapter in my life. When I heard they were looking for kayakers for the expedition, I said it's calling me. If only it could be me, so I threw out an email with my resume to see. What do I have to lose?" she said.

Visser has participated in similar, smaller ventures in the past, taking second place finish in the 444-mile race on the Yukon River in 2018, beating all but one man.

Her paddling resume described her previous race results, and it also included possibly her greatest strength - her grit.

"When the going gets hard, I have the spunk to get through it," she said.

To her surprise, a few days after applying for the expedition she got a call to set up a video interview. Fol-



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lowing the two hour interview, she was ecstatic to be selected to join the team.

She is thankful to St. Lawrence University for granting her some time off during the fall semester for the trip.

"SLU recognized this is a once in a lifetime opportunity. It's never been done in the world," she said.

For more information on the Arctic Cowboys team's upcoming journey, and to follow their progress, visit www.theartcticcowboys.com

Visser leaves for her trip June 25, with launch date one week later.

Those wishing to support Visser's unprecedented endeavor may donate to her Venmo account @ Eileen-Visser.

NOTICE...

to know," he asked the town board at their meeting on June 13.

Town attorney Francis Cappello advised that the town code enforcer write a letter to each property owner who is currently encroaching and advise them that they are on town land and request that they retreat back to their own lot. He also suggested that the town supply them with a property map which shows the boundaries.

Town Deputy Supervisor Marty Miller agreed that a letter notifying the landowners that the Postwood land is going to be utilized and putting them on notice of their encroachments was the right step.

Murray said he would draft a letter for the board's review.

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SLC leaders celebrating parole, probation supervisors

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
 North Country This Week

CANTON — St. Lawrence County legislators have proclaimed July 16-22 as Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week.

Officials say community corrections is an essential part of the justice system and community corrections professionals “are trained professionals who provide services and referrals for offenders and work in partnership with other community agencies to promote prevention, intervention and advocacy.”

According to the resolution, community correctional professionals are responsible for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in the community and provide services, support and protection to victims.

“Community corrections professionals uphold the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity,” the resolution states.

Local government sales tax collections dropped 3% in May

compared to the period in 2022, according to an analysis recently released by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. Overall, collections totaled \$6.18 million, down \$200,000 compared to the same period last year.

Sales tax collection in New York state totaled more than \$1.708.7 billion in May 2023, an increase of 11.2% or over \$128 million compared to the same period last year, according to the new report.

May’s collections grew 1.1%. “Modest growth in local sales tax collections could be challenging for local officials trying to maintain fiscal balance,” DiNapoli said. “Being prepared for a slowdown is especially important in this uncertain economy.”

New York City’s collections totaled \$743.9 million, an increase of 3.3%, or \$23.5 million, over May of 2022.

Many counties experienced a decline in sales tax revenue, with some seeing double digit percentage decreases. Franklin County had the largest decrease at 12.4%.

These monthly sales tax collections are from the cash distributions made to counties and tax-imposing cities by the state Department of Taxation and Finance, and the amounts are based on estimates of what each municipality is due. In the third month of each calendar year quarter, these distributions are adjusted.

The Campers Community and Landholding Association of Joe Indian Lake will hold its Annual Meeting Sunday, July 2, 2023, 1 pm, at the fire house.

St. Lawrence County Primary Election June 27, 2023	
Democratic Primary	
Louisville Town Supervisor	Vote for ONE (1) Larry Legault Roy Beshaw
Republican Primary	
St. Lawrence County Sheriff	Vote for ONE (1) Rick Engle Sean P. O'Brien
DePeyster Superintendent of Highways	(2 Year Unexpired Term) Vote for ONE (1) Charles E. Loucks Robert K. Chambers
Edwards Council Member	Vote for up to Two (2) Jan C. Lennox Michele E. Webb Michele D. Robillard
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LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 4-120 of the New York State Election Law, that the polling places listed below will be used in the City of Ogdensburg for the Primary Election to be held Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

There shall be TWO Polling sites open June 27, 2023 6am-9pm

1. Election Dist.'s 1,2,3 Dobisky Comm. Center: 100 Riverside Ave., Ogdensburg

2. Election Districts 4,5,6 Given under our hands and seal

Ogdensburg Fire Station: 700 Ford St., Ogdensburg

All Polling places will be open 6am-9pm and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

Jennie H. Bacon
 Thomas A. Nichols
 Commissioners of Elections

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Mockingbird Hill Retreat, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-05-18. 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 Michelle A. Fuller: 74 Chub Lake Road Gouverneur NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of K&C Archer Enterprises, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-05-22. 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 the LLC: 4435 CR 17 Rensselaer Falls NY 13680. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Tidy Homes & Trimmed Lawns LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-05-24. 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 Tiffany England: 508 Bull Run Rd Lisbon NY 13658. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Picture Of Wellness. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-05-13. 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 Christina LeBoeuf: 205 East Hatfield St Massena NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

POTSDAM PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of New York State election law, that a Democratic Party Caucus will be held on Friday, June 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of Potsdam, Civic Center Community Room, Potsdam, NY 13676. The purpose of the caucus is to nominate candidates for Potsdam Village offices to be elected at the November 7, 2023 general election. All duly enrolled members of the Democratic Party in the Village of Potsdam, NY are eligible to participate. Offices to be filled: Potsdam Village Mayor, Potsdam Village Trustee and Potsdam Village Trustee. Steve Warr, Village Democratic Committee Chairman/Election Chairman. 6/14/2023 Posting date.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Lawrence of South Colton, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-06-29. Office location: Saint Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Ted Lawrence: 24 Spears Street Canton NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 No Wake Enterprise, LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 5/1/23, St. Lawrence Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Formation of WHATSAMATTERDILLON LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/1/2023. Office loc.: St. Lawrence County. The principal business address is 98 Dillon Point Rd., Hammond, NY 13646. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Michael Smith, 1335 N. Howard St., Philadelphia, PA 19122. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Maple Lake Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-05-24. 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 Steven Kinney: 47 county route 43 Massena NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Stone Valley Transportation LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-04-24. 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 Stone Valley Transportation LLC: P.O Box 170 Colton NY 13625. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 E & T Manufacturing Consultants, LLC was formed on April 27, 2023. 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 238 River Drive, Massena, NY 13662. E & T Manufacturing Consultants, LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Rockieway Retreat, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-05-18. 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 Michelle A. Fuller: 74 Club Lake Road Gouverneur NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Allen Falls Water LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-03-17. 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 LLC: 57 Allen Falls Rd Potsdam NY 13676. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of The Rolling Cones & Bakery LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/08/2023. 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: Julie Bullock, 2980 CR 24, Russell, NY 13684. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Pierce Legacy LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/15/2023. 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: Evelyn R. Utter, 767 Jonesville Road, Richville, NY 13681. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Porcupine Landing LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-06-07. 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 Dan H LeSeure: 154 11th Pacific Grove CA 93950. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE
 The St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board, designated by the New York State Workforce Development Board under the provisions of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Public Law 113-128 of 2014 is submitting modifications to the Local Plan previously approved by NYS for Program Years 2021-2024, to the Department of Labor on or before June 30, 2023. The document is available for public review and comments at the website and location listed below. All comments are due by June 28, 2023 at 4:00 pm.
 Ms. Pam Lewis, Executive Director; St. Lawrence Workforce Development Board; 80 State Highway 310; Canton, NY 13617; Ph. 315.229.3342;
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Dump-N-Run LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-05-19. 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 Ian Amo: 5744 State Highway 37 Ogdensburg NY 13669. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 (1) Name: Mini Implant Denture Center LLC (the "LLC"). (2) Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State NY ("SSNY") on May 30, 2023 (3) Its office location is to be in Saint Lawrence County, State of New York. (4) The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 167 East Hatfield Street, Massena, NY 13662 (5) Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

HOPKINTON LEGAL NOTICE
SPECIAL MEETING
 The Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton will hold a **Special Meeting** on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hopkinton Town Hall. This meeting will be to discuss the Summer Recreation Program, and any other business that comes before the board. The public is encouraged to attend.
 DATED: June 19, 2023
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- HISTORY: What was Babe Ruth's real first name?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many of Snow White's seven dwarfs have names ending in "y"?
- MUSIC: Which country did the band AC/DC come from?
- LITERATURE: How many books are in the primary Harry Potter novel series?
- GOVERNMENT: How many national parks are in the United States?
- FOOD & DRINK: In which country was the Caesar salad invented?
- ANATOMY: Where is the uvula in the human body?

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2				5		1	
		9	6	8		7	

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- 13 One with will power?
- 14 Cover with blacktop
- 15 Kind of stove
- 17 Mid-month date
- 18 Solo of "Star Wars"
- 19 Pie chart divisions
- 21 Exact
- 24 Fan's cry
- 25 "East of Eden" brother

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- 26 Blend
- 28 Interior design
- 32 Curved molding
- 34 Signing need
- 36 Chicago paper, briefly
- 37 Irritable
- 39 "Mayday!"
- 41 Blackbird
- 42 Summer mo.
- 44 Orders of pancakes
- 46 Snarls
- 50 Annoy
- 51 Pulitzer winner James
- 52 Soup cooker
- 56 Katy Perry hit song
- 57 Hunt for
- 58 Wilder's "Town"
- 59 Leer at
- 60 Nashville venue
- 61 Dead heat
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- 1 Dine
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- 3 Driving hazards
- 4 Wunderkind
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- 7 More ironic
- 8 Disparaging term
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- 11 GI dining hall
- 16 Slugger's need
- 20 Scoundrel
- 21 Highlander
- 22 Senate staffer
- 23 Chill in the air
- 27 Ballot marks
- 29 Eccentric
- 30 Sty cry
- 31 Baseball stats
- 33 Curio cabinet
- 35 Refusals
- 38 Actor Brynner
- 40 Viscid
- 43 Bas-relief medium
- 45 Noah's boat
- 46 Poi base
- 47 Awestruck
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- 49 Dance move
- 53 "— the ramparts ..."
- 54 Gigi's "yes"
- 55 Three, in Rome

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