

YOUTH BUREAU NEWS

A St. Lawrence County Monthly Newsletter



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Inside the Issue

June Appreciation

This month we honor our Graduates, Gay Pride, and Juneteenth!

The Monthly Calendar of Events

June's Calendar of Events provides some family friendly activities offered in St. Lawrence County. There are also some really fun activity dates!

Become a Volunteer!

Consider joining your local EMS/Fire Department.

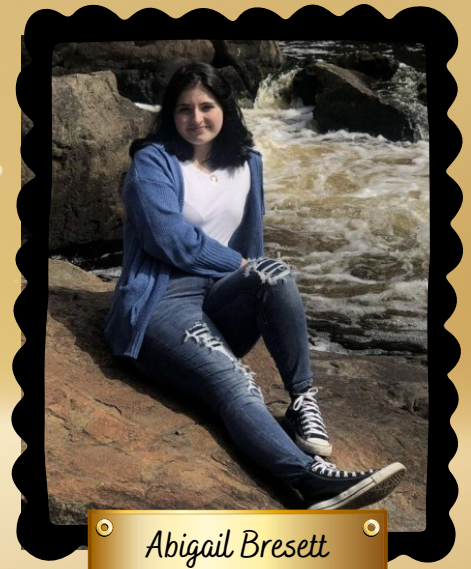
Youth Ambassador, Alivia Sochia interviews St. Lawrence County Director of Emergency Services, Matthew Denner.

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Hammond Central



*Abigail Bresett
Salutatorian 2022*



*Cherie Hadlock
Valedictorian 2022*

Cherie has earned 96.91 cumulative average and will graduate with a regents diploma with advanced designation. Cherie is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Yearbook Club, Senior Play, and Book Club. Cherie received the Clarkson Leadership & Achievement Award during her junior year. She will be attending Clarkson University in the fall, where she will pursue a degree in Supply Chain Management. Cherie is daughter of Roger Hadlock and Jennifer Rogers.

Abigail has earned a cumulative average of 96.18 and she will graduate with a regents diploma with advanced designation. Abby is a member of Senior Band, Senior Chorus, National Honor Society, Senior Play, and Yearbook Club. Abby received the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award during her junior year. Abby will be attending SUNY Canton where she will be pursuing her degree in Nursing. Abby is the granddaughter of Michael and Billie Jo Bresett.

Congratulations!



CONGRATULATIONS TO MCKENSI & AMELIA ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY YOUTH AMBASSADORS!



McKensi Foster has been awarded the Potsdam Rotary Club student of the month for May! McKensi is a senior in the Culinary Arts program at Seaway Career & Technical Education Center from Potsdam Central. Pictured with McKensi is Mrs. Lawrence her instructor. Congratulations McKensi!



Amelia Rodee has been awarded the Elks Club Youth Citizenship Award. Amelia is a Senior at Canton Central where she is also the FFA co-President. Congratulations Amelia!



Believing in You

Thank you...

A graduation poem by Catherine Pulsifer

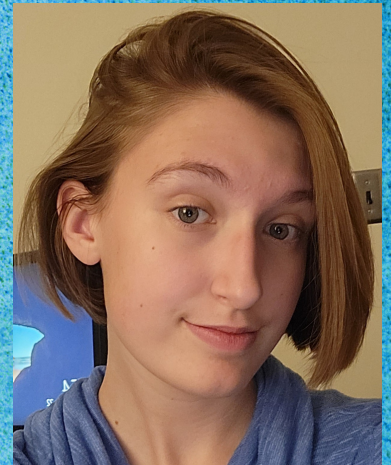
Never stop believing in yourself.
When others doubt, don't you.
Do what you love to do,
No one knows better than you.
Life is too short to live others' dreams
Follow your own dream
Push yourself to reach your goals
And live the life you once dreamed
Trust your instincts.
Be true to yourself.
You know what is right for you.
Never give up or give in.
Forget the words "I don't know how".
You can learn,
You can research
You can do.
Your mind is powerful.
When you believe you can.
You will find a way
You won't waste a day.
Persist and persevere
Do not fear
Because if you believe in you
You will find dreams can come true.
May all your dreams turn into goals,
Believe in yourself.
And remember, all of life is a choice.
The decision is up to you.
Believe in Yourself, Dare To Be
Whatever You Want To Be!

To our 4 Senior Youth Committee
Ambassadors, for your time and
dedication to the St. Lawrence County
Youth Bureau. We are so proud of you
and your accomplishments!

CONGRATULATIONS



Cole Siebles, Chairman
Gouverneur Central



Amanda Woods, Vice Chairman
Colton-Pierrepont Central



McKensi Foster
Potsdam Central



Isabelle Vaccaro
Colton-Pierrepont Central



Amelia Rodee
Canton Central





St. Lawrence County Bureau of EMS

- Canton Rescue
- Colton Rescue
- Cranberry Lake Rescue
- Gouverneur Rescue
- Hammond Rescue
- Hermon Rescue
- Lisbon Rescue
- Madrid Rescue
- Massena Rescue
- Morristown Rescue
- Norfolk Rescue
- Ogdensburg Rescue
- Parishville Rescue
- Seaway Valley Ambulance
- Potsdam Rescue
- Rensselaer Falls Rescue
- Star Lake Rescue
- Tri-Town Rescue
- Waddington Rescue

BECOME A VOLUNTEER



The St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau is all about empowering teens and making them aware of issues in their community. I spoke with Matthew Denner, Director of Emergency Services / Fire Coordinator in St. Lawrence County.

"Only 11 states in the U.S. consider EMS services essential and a required service. We do not have any hospitals in the county that provide ambulance services. That leaves it up to the local communities to figure it out. By saying it's considered non-essential service, that means the federal government does not recognize EMS as an essential service, and it does not receive federal funding," stated Denner.

Why isn't EMS recognized, alongside fire and police, as an essential service?

St. Lawrence County Bureau of Fire

- Brasher-Winthrop Fire
- Brier Hill Fire
- Canton Fire
- Colton Fire
- Cranberry Lake Fire
- Degrasse, Clare & South Russell Fire
- Dekalb Junction Fire
- Edwards Fire
- Fine Fire
- Gouverneur Fire
- Hammond Fire
- Hannawa Falls Fire
- Helena Fire
- Hermon Fire
- Heuvelton Fire
- Hopkinton-Ft. Jackson Fire
- Lawrenceville Fire
- Lisbon Fire
- Louisville Fire
- Madrid Fire
- Massena Fire
- Morley Fire
- Morristown Fire
- Newton Falls Fire
- Nicholville Fire
- Norfolk Fire
- North Lawrence Fire
- Norwood Fire
- Ogdensburg Fire
- Parishville Fire
- Piercefield Fire
- Pierrepont Fire
- Potsdam Fire
- Pyrites Fire
- Rensselaer Falls Fire
- Richville Fire
- Russell Fire
- Star Lake Fire
- Waddington Fire
- West Potsdam Fire
- West Stockholm Fire

When the first structured EMS was established, the support was strong at both the state and federal level. However, federal support was withdrawn leaving funding to the state and local government.

"Small volunteer agencies are running on slim budgets. Most are pretty much exclusively run by unpaid, older volunteers. With slim budgets, it makes it hard to get proper equipment or training. When these things are lacking, it makes performing a job difficult when it should be very efficient. It would be great to recruit more volunteers especially younger ones. It's almost impossible to attract, or retain, younger people to volunteer service because there's no career path for them. This, along with slim budgets, can put a lot of pressure on EMT services," explained Denner.

What can teens do to help out?

Go to an open house at your local fire department and/or EMS service. and look at becoming a member. Many departments have a junior program within their department. There are many opportunities to enroll and begin your rewarding journey as a volunteer firefighter or EMT. This community service is a resume-builder for colleges and jobs. Volunteers can also earn scholarships and take advantage of tuition reimbursement, all while adding experiential knowledge and making lifelong connections that have invaluable influence on character and career.

Alvin Sochia

WHAT IS JUNETEENTH?



Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops' arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday.

[Read the rest of the article from History.com HERE](#)

LGBT PRIDE MONTH FAQ SHEET



Q: WHAT IS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH?



Q: WHY IS IT CALLED "PRIDE"?



Q: WHY IS PRIDE MONTH IN JUNE?



Q: WHO IS THE "MOTHER OF PRIDE"?



Q: HOW IS IT CELEBRATED?

LGBTQ Pride Month is the positive stance against discrimination and violence toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people.

The month is dedicated to promoting self-affirmation, dignity and equality rights, as well as aims to increase the LGBTQ visibility as a social group while celebrating sexual diversity and gender variance.

Pride, as opposed to shame and social stigma, is the outlook that bolsters most LGBTQ rights groups and movements around the world.

Pride has lent its name to LGBTQ-themed events, organizations, institutes, book titles, foundations, a cable TV station, and the Pride Library.

Early on the morning of Saturday, June 28, 1969, police raided a gay bar in New York City, known as the Stonewall Inn.

The event brought on a series of riots by LGBTQ persons, constituting as the most important event leading to the the gay liberation movement and the modern fight for LGBTQ rights in the US.

The month of June was chosen to honor and commemorate those Stonewall riots.

Brenda Howard is known as the "Mother of Pride", for her work in coordinating the first LGBTQ Pride march to commemorate the first anniversary of the Stonewall riots.

Howard also originated the idea for a week-long series of events around Pride Day which became the genesis of the annual LGBTQ Pride festive celebrations that are now held around the world every June.

LGBTQ Pride Month events draw millions of participants from around the world each year.

Today, the month-long celebrations include pride parades, marches, parties, concerts/shows, workshops, symposiums and rallies across the entire nation.



MORRISTOWN —

With a congratulatory introduction of their literary publication, parents and staff gathered in the second grade classroom at Morristown Central School to meet the young authors. The class, under the direction of their teacher, TinaMarie Hawes, recently published a collaborative book — “Two Little Lost Squirrels.” School principal Mr. David Doe, to whom the book is dedicated, was surprised as well as a little emotional after receiving a copy of the publication. Mrs. Hawes had approached Ms. Vaughn, Superintendent and Mr. Doe, Principal early in the school year regarding information on publishing a classroom book from Students Treasures. “I had worked with this company in the past and have always had excellent results. I feel the experience of having a published work encourages our students to write,” said the second grade teacher. “I worked the writing process into my writing curriculum. We began the process in September and after several weeks of practice, we were ready to start writing. There were a lot of sentence building and revisions. In the end, we beat our deadline and we had the materials submitted.” As a class, the students made all the decisions concerning the book. Including the title, character names, character development and setting. The story was collaborative, each student building on what the student before them had wrote. “The class, as a whole, determined the plot, conflict and resolution,” said Mrs. Hawes. “This was a very lengthy process for a group of second graders. Everyone gave suggestions and were encouraged to add to the story. The students wrote as much as they were comfortable with.” We had just finished our habitats unit and had been discussing the possibility of getting a class pet. “As their writing skills are developed, so are their thinking skills,” said the teacher of her students. “I am very proud of their accomplishments this year. The last couple of years have been a struggle for them because of COVID but they are resilient.” Mrs. Hawes said she hopes to publish another book next year. Each of the thirteen students wrote and illustrated a page in the book. “I named the characters Anderson and Katherine,” said Jade Carpenter. “I was the first one to write,” she continued. “I wrote the last page too.” Ashton LaClair wrote, “Anderson and Katherine decide to bake acorn cookies.” After some research, we realized these are a real type of cookie! During the publication celebration and book signing, Zayne Folsom said, “I created the front cover. We all had a part in making the book.” Lucas Simmons and Aly Bice said it was fun to make the book. While the book was being read, there were some pretty dramatic parts. But everything turned out alright in the end. The adventures of Anderson and Katherine could one day have a sequel! Summer Coyle, Quaid Mullaney, Owen Mullikin, Aidan Scow, Portia Simmons, Braxton Smith, Genesis Steele and Gianna Tyo also contributed to the book.

June -2022-

A few National Month observances:

- National Dairy Month
- National Pride Month
- Great Outdoors Month
- National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month
- National Flag Week-Week of June 14th
- Honor High School Graduations this month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	Community Celebration 	Bike Safety Course 
5 National Cancer Survivor's Day	6	7 World Caring Day 	8	9	Dairy Festival Days	
12 Stoner Skedaddle 	13	14 4-H Animal Workshop 	15	16 4-H Activity Night 	17 PAL Golf Tournament 	18 National Go Fishing Day 
19 HAPPY Father's DAY Juneteenth	20	21 Summer Begins 	22	23	24	25
26	27 National PTSD Awareness Day 	28	29	30 Horizons Aloha Summer 		

St. Lawrence County Calendar of Events for Families

Family & Youth Calendar of Events

6/03

- Potsdam Community Celebration
- Dairy Festival Days

6/04

- Bike Safety Course
- Dairy Festival Days

6/11

- Bike Safety Course
- Antique & Steam Engine Exhibition

6/12

- Stoner Skedaddle
- Antique & Steam Engine Exhibition

6/14

- 4-H Animal Workshop

6/16

- 4-H Activity Night

6/17

- PAL Gold Tournament

6/30

- Horizons Aloha Summer

Special Interest/Fun Dates

6/05 - National Cancer Survivor's Day

6/07 - World Caring Day

6/14 - Flag Day

6/18 - National Go Fishing Day

6/19 - Father's Day

6/19 - Juneteenth

6/21 - Summer Begins

6/27 - National PTSD Awareness Day

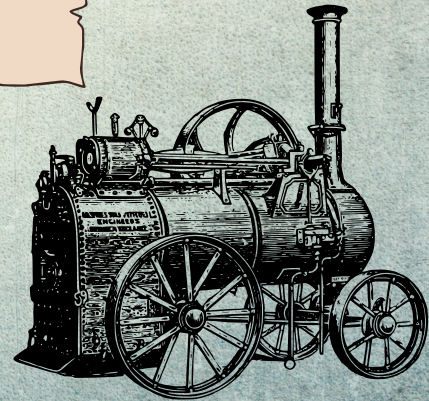
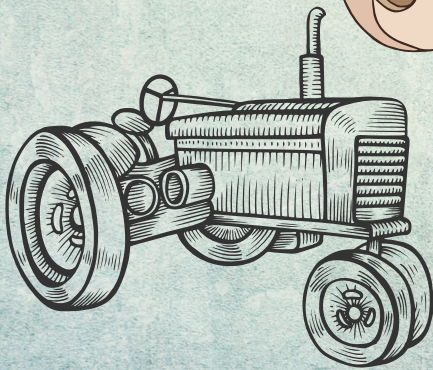
39th Annual Antique & Steam Engine Exhibition

St. Lawrence County Power and Equipment Museum

JUN 11 AT 10 AM – JUN 12 AT 5 PM

\$5 charge

Come and enjoy a weekend full of Historical Exhibits, Antique Tractors, Collections Building, Saw Mills, Maple Shack, Fort Tribute, Attic Treasure Sale, Women's Skillet Toss, Kids Pedal Tractor Race, Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls, Garden Tractor pulls, merchandise for sale, food, drinks, ice cream, and so much more!



For more information or to sign up for an event visit <https://slpowermuseum.com/>

SLC ARTS PRESENTS

TEEN SUMMER ARTS CAMP

For all teen aspiring artists.
All experience levels welcome.

ALL CLASSES HELD AT THE
CREATIVE SPIRIT COMMUNITY
ARTS CENTER,
6 RAYMOND ST, POTSDAM

Session 1
July 11 - 15

CREATIVE WRITING

Session 2
July 18 - 22

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Session 3
July 25 - 29

MUSICAL THEATER

Session 4
August 1 - 5

SONGWRITING

Weekly sessions are \$195 per person per week. Scholarships available.

Sign up at slartscouncil.org/teensummerarts [CLICK HERE](#)

BIKE SAFETY COURSE

in Collaboration with Clarkson DPT Program
&
the Potsdam Farmers Market

Date: Offered on June 4 and June 11, 2022

(This course is offered twice; choose your date)

Time: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Place: Potsdam Farmer's Market in Ives Park
Riverview Drive Potsdam, NY 13676

This course is for children and parents!

Learn Bike
Safety Skills

Participate in
FUN
ACTIVITIES!

Learn The Rules
of The Road

Learn About
Bike Inspection

Learn How to
Avoid Hazards

While bikes are not required to participate, bikes are welcome!
Children will use their bikes to examine and learn about safety
concepts and while participating in activities!

For further details
and to RSVP please call:
(315) 268-2152



GOLF TOURNAMENT



All proceeds will benefit the
**Police Activities League
of Massena**

Friday, June 17, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Malone Golf Club

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.
Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.

**Four Person Scramble
Fee: \$350/Team**

Mulligans: 4 for \$20 Putting Contest: 3 putts for \$5

For further information, please contact:

SeaComm FCU
Attn: Thompson/Harrigan
30 Stearns St.
Massena, NY 13662

315-764-0566 or 800-764-0566 ext. 213 or 543

Sponsored by:

SEACOMM

Entry fee includes greens fees, golf cart,
prizes and meal. Award reception, prizes
and raffles to follow in the Clubhouse.

STONER SKEDADDLE



5K

to benefit Potsdam's PTSA & Girls On The Run

JUNE 12, 2022

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 8:00 AM

RACE BEGINS AT 9:00 AM

@ STEVIE'S TRAIL, POTSDAM CENTRAL SCHOOL

REGISTRATION FEES:

AGES 5-10: \$10 | AGES 11-18: \$15 | AGES 19+: \$20

Pre-register online at www.runsignup.com/stonerskedaddle

Register by June 2nd to guarantee a t-shirt!

Scan to register or
make a donation



CAN'T PARTICIPATE? DONATE!

Please consider contributing to the
future success of Girls on the Run!

**REGISTER
NOW**

Gouverneur Recreation Department

Friends & Fun in the Sun: July 5th - August 12th



Summer 2022

Youth Rec. Program

Morning Park Palooza @ Riverview Park

Morning Arts STEAM Studio @ Rec. Center

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30am - 11:30am

(Supervised Social Groups: Ages: 4-6 / 7-10 / 11-14)

Active Play - Theme Days - Arts & Crafts - Featured Guests



LUNCH BREAK: Pavilion Monitored

Afternoon Swimming @ Sylvia Lake

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: Ages: 7-14

12:30pm - 3:30pm

Wednesday Outings

Watertown: Regal Cinema Movie / Park & Pool: Ages: 7-14

ADVANCED SIGN-UP REQUIRED



Contact Rec. Director, Mr. Casey Canell: 315.287.0524

Gouverneur Recreation Department

Summer Recreation

Advance Sign-Up Week

June 27th - June 30th

9:00am - 5:00pm



Recreation Center

Corner of Clinton Street & Trinity Avenue

Drop by to **SAY HI** and **SIGN UP** for the Summer Rec. Program.

Contact **315.287.0524** for more info.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
J U N E 2022	MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE Rumpelstitskin 		Mr. Casey Canell Recreation Director	Gouverneur Recreation Center 315.287.0524	Mr. Jeff Burt Head Attendant		YOUTH OPEN STUDIO
	Register Now! Summer Recreation Performing Arts Grades: K-12 July 25 th - 30 th			1 After School STEAM Studio Grades: 2-4	2 After School STEAM Studio Grades: UPK-1	3 Senior Citizen Bingo Social 10am - 12pm BINGO	4
	5	6 After School STEAM Studio Grades: 2-4	7 After School STEAM Studio Grades: UPK-1	8 After School STEAM Studio Grades: 2-4	9 After School STEAM Studio Grades: UPK-1	10 Senior Citizen Bingo Social 10am - 12pm BINGO	11 Flag Day Celebration Village Park Fest & Parade
	12	13 After School STEAM Studio Grades: 2-4	14 AFTER SCHOOL Program SUMMER FEST	15 AFTER SCHOOL Program SUMMER FEST	16 After School STEAM Studio Grades: UPK-1	17 Senior Citizen Bingo Social 10am - 12pm BINGO	18
	19 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 26	20 JUNE TEENY FREEDOM DAY 27 Summer Rec. Advance Sign-Up	21 Finale' Fun: K-1 YOUTH OPEN STUDIO 28 Summer Rec. Sign-Up	22 Finale' Fun: 2-4 YOUTH OPEN STUDIO 29 Summer Rec. Sign-Up	23 Summer Rec. Staff Development 30 Summer Rec. Sign-Up	24 Senior Citizen Bingo Social 10am - 12pm BINGO	25

Gouverneur Recreation Department
Proudly Presents...

MISSOULA
CHILDREN'S
THEATRE

Rumpelstiltskin



July 25th - July 30th 2022

(Professional Theater Company with Costumes and Sets)

Save the Date: Sign-Up at the Recreation Center

Open to all youth grades K-12.

Advanced Registration Required - Limited Availability!

For more information contact Rec. Director Casey Canell 315.287.0524.

Gouverneur Recreation Center
8 Trinity Avenue: 315.287.0524



Fun & Festive Youth Enrichment STEAM Activities

June 14th & 15th

Youth Welcome after school until 6:00pm

Advance Sign-Up Limited Seating: First Come, First Serve



**SUMMER
FEST**

4-H Activity Night

Photography

Thursday, June 16th
6 pm - 8 pm



"I pledge my health to better living."

Click here to register: <https://bit.ly/3yWE1Cf>



Cornell Cooperative Extension | St. Lawrence County

4-H Animal Workshop: Sheep

Tuesday, June 14th | 6 pm - 8 pm

Participating youth will learn about sheep health, nutrition, care, showmanship, and more!

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3sTpGmh>



Cornell Cooperative Extension
St. Lawrence County

AGES
12-17

HORIZONS YOUTH CLUBHOUSE

56-58 MAIN STREET MASSENA, NY 13662

XBOX, NINTENDO SWITCH, DANCE, SPORTS, BAKING, CRAFTS, MUSIC, POOL, GARDENING, TRIPS



SCHOOL HOURS

Monday-Friday
Staff: 10am-6pm
Youth: 2pm-6pm

SUMMER HOURS

Monday-Friday
Staff: 9am-5pm
Youth: 1pm-5pm

Horizons

horizonsclubhouse



HORIZONS YOUTH CLUBHOUSE

ALOHA SUMMER

JUNE 30th
1pm-5pm

Bouncy Boxing Ring, Limbo Contest, Hula Hoop Contest, Flamingo Ring Toss, Pie-Staff In The Face



FOOD & DRINKS



Horizons June 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29 CLOSED	30 HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY CLOSED	31 Flower Box With Health Educator Paige	01 Creative Day	02 Posters with REALITY CHECK	03 Movie & Popcorn	04 CLOSED
05 CLOSED	06 Activity With Paige	07 Circuit Craft Day	08 Creative Day	09 TIE DYE	10 Make Your Own Bracelet	11 CLOSED
12 CLOSED	13 Free Day	14 Activity with Health Educator Jaelin	15 Creative Day	16 Cornell Presentation	17 ESCAPE THE ROOM	18 CLOSED
19 Father's Day	20 Juneteenth CLOSED	21 First Day of Summer	22 CLOSED	23 Water Balloon Fight	24 Concert	25 CLOSED
26 CLOSED	27 Cookout @ Park	28 Free Day	29 MYP Day	30 TIKI PARTY		

Summer Hours Start
Tuesday June 27th, 2022
Staff: 9am-5pm
Youth: 1pm-5pm