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Student Perspective

Check out Page 3 & 4 for articles submitted by Student, Peyton Taylor. Explaining her experience with "March For Our Lives" and Pride Prom!

Thank you, Peyton!

The Monthly Calendar of Events

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

Scholarship Winners

The Zonta Club of Canton congratulates its 2022 winners and urges area young women and men to consider applying in the spring for the 2023 round of awards. View Page 2.



HAPPY

4th of July

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Zonta Club of Canton

2022 Scholarship Award winners



Emma Friot received the Helen Ann Horvath Nursing Scholarship, the Club's newest offering to graduating seniors who will pursue the study of nursing. Ms. Friot states that she has been "passionate" about being a nurse her whole life, a natural feeling because she comes from a family of nurses. Each one has inspired her to pursue the same

profession. She writes that a nurse is "a person of many talents" and uses words to describe what a nurse is - an advocate, empathetic, team oriented, and exhibiting good self-care, among others. Ms. Friot will begin her studies at Siena College. She is a graduate of Hermon DeKalb Central School.



Sophia Brown received the Members' Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of former Zonta Club of Canton members and given to a senior who demonstrated strong leadership skills and dedication to service in school and in the

community throughout her high school career. She reported completing 1676 service hours in a wide variety of meaningful activities. Ms. Brown will attend Nazareth College to study math education and special education. She says that her most effective leadership skill is empathy. Facing forms of harassment in high school herself taught her to be empathetic and understanding of others' difficulties. She is a graduate of Massena Central School.

Angelie Bush is the winner of the Club's Jean M. Coon Humanitarian Award, given to a senior who demonstrated significant community service through projects that enhanced her community and its target audience. Her primary project is called "Sting with Kindness" (the school mascot is the yellow jacket.)

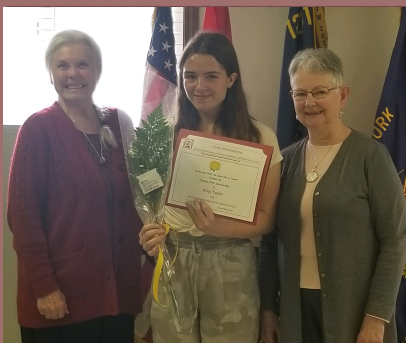


It's a new program Ms. Bush created for elementary students who report incidents of kindness; the recipients are recognized by the principal with a special pin and a certificate of kindness. Ms. Bush will attend Nazareth College to study Occupational Therapy so that she can continue to help people in the future. She is a graduate of Madrid Waddington Central School.



Abigail Backus-Mackey is the winner of the Club's SUNY Canton Endowment Fund Scholarship. The SUNY scholarship is given in memory of Margaret (Peg) Sibley to a single parent who has returned to college after experiencing some of life's challenges. Ms. Backus-Mackey is earning her

bachelor's degree in Health and Fitness Promotion with a minor in Applied Psychology. Because she really wants to be a nurse, she plans to get a second bachelor's degree in that field as well while working full time and caring for her child.



Riley Taylor is the winner of the Club's Putnam-Pitts Scholarship, given to a graduating senior with a distinguished academic record. Ms. Taylor will attend Colgate University to study environmental science while also exploring the fields of English and history. Her ultimate goal is to become a higher education professor so that she can "demonstrate to students of all walks of life that anything is possible despite challenges along the way." She is a graduate of Hugh C. Williams High School in Canton.

The Zonta Club of Canton congratulates its 2022 winners and urges area young women and men to consider applying in the spring for the 2023 round of awards. Contact high school guidance counselors for more information or call Zonta Scholarship Chair Lyn Swafford at 315-262-2807.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY STUDENTS RALLY IN MARCH FOR OUR LIVES

Click [Here](#)
for article from
NNY360



Recently, gun violence has been prevalent in our nation and has discriminated against no race or age group. Children and adults of all creeds and cultures have been victims of gun violence in America. On June 11, people gathered at Ives Park in Potsdam to march for gun reform after speakers including local students Jay Baycura, Emma Gainey, and Peyton Taylor offered youth perspective on gun violence. The march throughout Potsdam brought together over 100 people carrying signs depicting statements such as "Enough is Enough." The powerful desperation was not to be ignored as the marchers changed their demands and beliefs throughout Potsdam by shouting "No more silence, End gun violence." During the march, the organizers held moments of silence to read off the names of gun violence victims from areas recently impacted by this epidemic. The attendees were all passionate about the matter as even gun owners joined the group to support gun reform. This collection of diverse minds and people made it evident that gun violence impacts those from all communities, and demonstrated that action must be taken to protect all citizens of our nation.

Photo & Article Submitted By:
Peyton Taylor-Canton Central School



the Q center

safe space for LGBTQ youth & allies



2022

PRIDE
PROM



On June 10th, the Watertown Q Center for LGBTQ kids, young adults, and allies held a Pride Prom. This prom was affirming for many kids who did not feel comfortable being their authentic selves at their school hosted proms. Attendees of the event wore dresses and suits accessorized with flowers and mushrooms to fit the fairytale theme of this year's prom. Snacks including candy, pastries, cake, and pizza were also offered at the prom which ran from 6-9pm. Those who attended were able to happily dance with people who support the LGBTQ community and were not scared to proudly hold hands with their same-sex partners. Throughout the night, the event organizers claimed that this year's turnout was the highest they have seen yet, and they were thrilled to see young people smiling with each other while "Born this Way" by Lady Gaga blasted through the speakers. Students from Canton were offered a bus ride to the event, and some members of the GSA took the opportunity to celebrate their sexualities. This event is offered annually, and it was quite refreshing to see so many unique young members of the LGBTQ community accompanying each other for an experience every high schooler should be able to enjoy with the people they love.

Peyton Taylor-Canton Central School



Visit <https://www.acrhealth.org/youth-programs/> to learn more about the Q Center

WHEN TO DISPOSE OF AN AMERICAN FLAG

The U.S. Flag Code says, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." When an American flag is worn beyond repair, it should be retired in a respectful manner.

HOW TO DISPOSE OF A FLAG

Burning a Flag

The first way to dispose of an American flag is to hold a flag burning ceremony at your home or other private location. Before conducting a flag burning ceremony, note the material of your flag and the local fire ordinances.

Some materials may emit toxins if openly burned. Begin a flag burning ceremony by folding the whole flag in its customary manner. Instructions for properly folding a flag can be found [here](#). Next, start a fire large enough to completely burn the flag and respectfully place the flag into the fire. The flag should not touch the ground in the process.

As the flag begins to burn, salute the flag, say the Pledge of Allegiance and pause for a moment of silence. The flag should be thoroughly burned so that nothing besides ashes are left. Finally, bury the ashes.

Community Disposal Box

A second way to dispose of an American flag is to drop it off in a flag disposal box. In many communities, local government offices and police stations have flag disposal boxes. Throughout the year, organizations like the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts collect the disposed flags and hold ceremonies to retire them. Flag Day (June 14) is one of the most common days to hold flag disposal ceremonies. The Stars for our Troops program also accepts worn-out American flags. A volunteer for the program will cut out and send the flag's embroidered stars to an American soldier.

Burying a Flag

Although the U.S. Code says that burning is the preferred method to dispose of a flag, people also do so flag via burial. If you choose this method, place a folded flag in a dignified wooden box. Pause for a moment of silence after burying the flag box in the ground.

Recycling a Flag

A final option for disposing of a flag is to recycle it. Some flag companies will accept old flags and use the material to make new ones.

Click [Here](#) For More Info
On Flag Etiquette

WHO CAN DISPOSE OF A FLAG?

Anyone can hold a flag disposal ceremony. Whoever chooses to retire a flag should only proceed in a way that is respectful and dignified.

July -2022-

A Few National Month Observances:

- Dog Days of Summer July 3-August 11
- National Park and Recreation Month
- National Ice Cream Month
- National Grilling and Picnic Month
- National Blueberry Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Postal Worker Day	2
3 Morristown Fireworks	4 Happy 4th of July Morristown Parade Four Coast Jeep Parade	5 Gouverneur Fireworks	6	7 Utica Zoo Mobile	8	9 National Sugar Cookie Day
10 National Kitten Day	11	12	13 Cow Appreciation Day	14-15 Potsdam Summer Festival		16 Dragon Boat Festival
17	18	19	20-22 Claxton Hepburn Dental Clinic			23 Live Reptile Program
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 31

St. Lawrence County Calendar of Events for Families

Family & Youth Calendar of Events

- 7/3**
 - Morristown Fireworks
- 7/4**
 - Morristown Parade
 - Madrid, Four Coast Jeep Parade
- 7/5**
 - Gouverneur Fireworks
- 7/7**
 - Utica Zoo Mobile
- 7/11-7/14**
 - Claxton Hepburn Dental Clinic
- 7/14-7/16**
 - Potsdam Summer Festival
- 7/16**
 - Dragon Boat Festival
- 7/23**
 - NCCM Live Reptile Program

Special Interest/Fun Dates

- 7/1**
 - National Postal Worker Day
- 7/9**
 - National Sugar Cookie Day
- 7/10**
 - National Kitten Day
- 7/13**
 - Cow Appreciation Day
- 7/15**
 - National I Love Horses Day
- 7/17**
 - National Ice Cream Day
- 7/20**
 - National Hot Dog Day
- 7/24**
 - National Cousins Day
 - National Parent's Day
- 7/28**
 - National Waterpark Day
 - National Intern Day



Morristown Fire Department
200 Morris Street

- 7/3 Fireworks Display 10PM
 - Kids games and food vendors will be available
- 7/4 Parade, Main Street 10am
 - Craft Fair 10am-4pm
 - Chicken BBQ, Raffle, games of chance and food vendors 11:30am


Celebrate
★★★★★
4th of July



Gouverneur Fire Department
85 East Barney Street

- 7/5 Fireworks Display 7:30PM
 - Food vendors will be available

Madrid Fire Department
10 Church Street

- 7/4 10am Fourth Coast Jeeps
 - Decorate your jeep for the parade
 - Hotdogs and Refreshments
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**NORTH COUNTRY
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

Where kids play to learn and grown-ups learn to play

**Live Reptile Program
SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022**

11 AM – 12:30 PM



Come learn about a variety of snakes and lizards with Lena the Lizard Lady! Lena will bring an assortment of reptiles for participants to view and handle for this educational, live animal program. There will be snakes and reptiles from super small to super large. Take pictures with, hold, and pet unusual creatures with Lena The Lizard Lady and her team of experienced handlers.

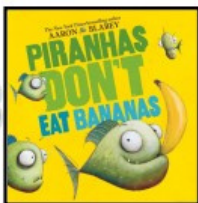
Program Admission included with day pass and membership.



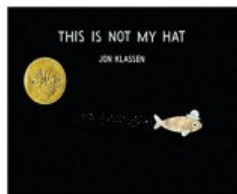
Take a StoryWalk®

As part of the Canton Free Library's **2022 Summer Library Program**, there will be StoryWalks® set up during the month of July along the Remington Trail (at the Partridge Golf Course) in Canton. We invite kids and families to take a walk at their leisure and read the pages as they go! It's free and open to all!

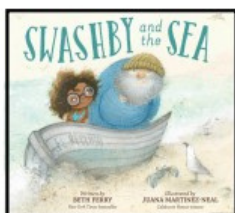
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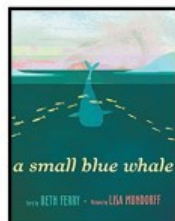
July 9-15



July 16-22



July 23-31



Questions? Email Valerie at the Canton Free Library vwhite@ncls.org or call 315-386-3712 ext 4

Utica ZooMobile



THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

**Gouverneur Reading Room
Association**

60 Church Street, Gouverneur

*Small Town
Bright Lights*

POTSDAM SUMMER FESTIVAL

CELEBRATE WITH US

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
BEER WINE CIDER TENT
LASER TAG & FAMILY FUN
FOOD TRUCKS & LOCAL VENDORS
FIREWORKS & LIVE MUSIC

**JULY
14-16
2022**

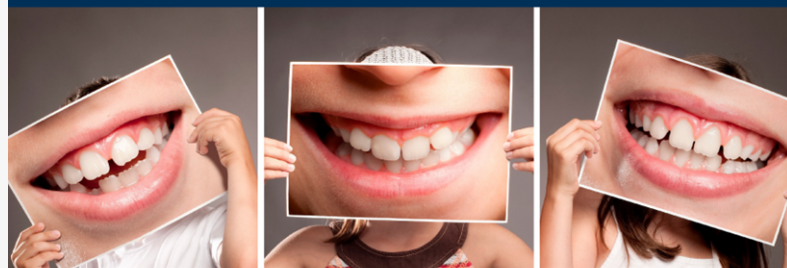
for more event information visit WWW.POTSDAMCHAMBER.COM

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competition, and fun!



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food trucks to enhance race
day experience

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 Center

Corner of Clinton Street and Trinity Avenue



SUMMER 2022



Teen Zone

the **Happening Hub**

Next Level Fitness Center

Gym Equipment, Workouts, Health & Wellness

Teens Welcome Grades: 8-12

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 10am – 1pm

Daily Zone Schedule: Advanced Sign-Up Required!

315.287.0524 OR ccanell@villageofgouverneurny.gov

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE CALENDAR](#)

Gouverneur Recreation Center Studio

Corner of Trinity Avenue & Clinton Street

315.287.0524

Summer Studio Youth ARTS Program



Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Ages: 7 – 14 / 9:30am – 12:30pm / \$3.00 per day

Hands-On Arts & Creative Crafts
Interactive Activities & Youth Workshops

Limited Space: first come, first serve.

Bring a snack and lunch.

• 12:30pm: Swim Bus departs (OR) Parent pick-up

Gouverneur Recreation Department

Riverview Park Pavilion

315.287.0524

Summer Rec. Youth Park Palooza



Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Ages: 7 – 14 / 9:30am – 12:30pm / \$3.00 per day

Outdoor Park Play

Interactive Field & Court Activities

Little Friends Welcome: Ages:4-6

12:30pm: Swim Bus departs (OR) Parent pick-up

Bring a snack and lunch.

SAVE THE DATE!

POTSDAM SNACK PACK PROGRAM

With the Potsdam School District and Canton Potsdam Hospital will host a

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR
AUGUST 20, 2022

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

held at New Hope Community Church; 33 Grant St., Potsdam



**GET YOUR FREE
BACK TO SCHOOL
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(while supplies last)

**COME OUT AND ENJOY THE
CARNIVAL GAMES, FOOD,
PRIZES & MUCH MORE!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: The Potsdam Snack Pack Program
<https://potsdamsnackpack.org> • Email: pdamsnacks@gmail.com



POTSDAM SNACK PACK PROGRAM

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POTSDAM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND ST. LAWRENCE HEALTH SYSTEMS

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BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

August 20, 2022 • 11am-2pm

held at New Hope Community Church; 33 Grant St., Potsdam

A fun fair with games and activities and to provide free school supplies to students!

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Sponsorship amount: \$ _____ Will send a check Please invoice

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Address: _____ Phone: _____
Items/Coupons to be donated: _____

Yes, my business or organization would like to attend and offer a game or activity!
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Address: _____ Phone: _____
Game/Activity: _____

Yes, I would like to volunteer at the event!
Name: _____
Phone: _____ Availability: _____

Checks can be made out to:

The Potsdam Snack Pack Program; 200 Market St. #228, Potsdam, NY 13676
<https://potsdamsnackpack.org> • Email: pdamsnacks@gmail.com

If you or your organization is interested in:

- Sponsoring the event
- Donating items or coupons
- Offering a game or activity
- Volunteering at the event

[Click and Download the form](#)