

2018 Section X Golf Championships

Adam Szlamczinski (CF)	78
Grant VanBuren (MW)	79
Jake Amo (Mass)	80
Matt Delisle (FA)	80
Terrell Thomas (Mass)	80
Kelson Hooper (OFA)	81
Dylan Farr (Gouv)	82
Jake VanHouse (OFA)	83
Lucas Ryan (MW)	84
Dylan Tyo (Mass)	85
Ben Chilton (Mass)	87
Drew Mills (OFA)	88
Carson Regan (Pots)	89
Jacob Dutch (NN)	90
Charlie Helebrook (Pots)	94
Nolan Towne (Pots)	94
Mason Peabody (CF)	95
John McCall (MW)	95
Cade VanBuren (MW)	95
Eric Slamczinski (CF)	96
Logan Lutz (CF)	97
Trent Tatom (NN)	98
Nathan Moffitt (Mass)	98
--- Did Not Qualify For States -----	
Jace Dutch (NN)	99
Coby Ryan (OFA)	99
Payne Benedict (SR)	99
Nicholas Linstad (Mass)	100
Jayden Kench (OFA)	100
Brennan Harmer (MW)	100
Austin Ward (NN)	101
Blake Rivers (FA)	102
Jordan St. Hilaire (FA)	103
Wyatt Holmes (Gouv)	103
Timothy Langdon (FA)	104
Riley Gillis (TL)	104
Zach Frank (Can)	105
Cole Ladison (Can)	106
Garrett Bell (OFA)	107
Jalen Cook (SR)	107
Romano Sergi (Pots)	107
Chandler Rivers (FA)	108
Carter Benedict (SR)	108
Keenan Herne (SR)	108
Anthony Levy (CF)	110
Beau Catimon (NN)	111
Kobe Phillips (Pots)	112
Sam Sieminski (Can)	112
Nick Skiff (TL)	113
Cory Rowsam (NN)	113
Sam Moses (Can)	115
Declan Dougan (Pots)	115
Drew Harmer (MW)	116
Ben Kelly (SR)	117
Kaden Connors (SR)	117
Sullivan Rumble (Gouv)	118
Timothy Levy (CF)	120
Avery Hayden (Gouv)	123
Brendan Currier (Gouv)	126
Cayden Cady (Can)	135

State Finalist Qualifier in Malone - Day 2

Terrell Thomas (Mass)	80	75	155
Grant VanBuren (MW)	79	80	159
Kelson Hooper (OFA)	81	82	163
Adam Szlamczynski (CF)	78	85	163
Jake VanHouse (OFA)	83	81	164
Jake Amo (Mass)	80	84	164
Matt Delisle (FA)	80	86	166
Dylan Farr (Gouv)	82	87	169
Jacob Dutch (NN)	90	86	176

POTSDAM -- Clarkson University was recently ranked the seventh top-value college in New York State by SmartAsset, a financial technology company providing personal finance advice on the web.

SmartAsset said Clarkson's average scholarships and grants were \$30,729 and average starting salary of graduates was \$64,200. The company said Clarkson's college tuition was \$44,630, student living

costs were \$17,702, student retention rate at 87 percent and college education value index at 54.79.

Ranking ahead of Clarkson was Hamilton college at sixth, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at fifth, Colgate University at fourth, Cornell University at third, Columbia at second and SUNY Maritime College at number one.

Metrics that SmartAsset considered included tuition, living costs, scholarship and grant offerings, retention rate and starting salary.

LAKE PLACID –

Wilderness Search: On May 17 at 10:51 p.m., DEC Ray Brook Dispatch received a call from a hiker separated from his hiking partner on Cascade and Porter mountains. The two male teens split up on Porter to join back up on Cascade for sunset. When one hiker had not heard from the other, he proceeded back up Porter and then to the trailhead in hopes of meeting up with his friend. Upon reaching the trailhead, the hiking partner was not there and realized that all the headlamps were at the trailhead with him. Forest Ranger James Giglinto contacted the hiker by phone and concluded that the other hiker may have descended the wrong trail off Porter. Three Forest Rangers started hiking in at three different locations—Marcy Field, The Garden, and Route 73 trailheads. By 2:15 a.m., a Ranger located the missing hiker just above Little Porter Mountain. By 4:10 a.m., the hikers were reunited in Keene Valley.

An Interview with Dr. Cass Ingram, author of the book,
The Cure is in the Cupboard

In the weeks ahead, tens of millions of hay fever victims will race to pharmacies and drugstores to buy medicines to stop their maddening nasal drip-drip-drip and halt their uncontrollable bursts of sneezing.

But antihistamines and decongestants can cause drowsiness - (very dangerous if you drive). And according to labels, many medications will actually make your allergy symptoms worse if taken longer than a few days.

So, is there a better way to make it through the sneezin' season safely and comfortably?

The answer is 'yes', according to one expert. And he says the solution to your allergy woes may be as near as your own kitchen pantry.

"Many 'hot' oils and spices work wonders for allergy symptoms," says Dr. Cass Ingram, author of the brand new edition of "The Cure is in the Cupboard".

Dr. Ingram says Oil of Wild Oregano is a wonderful natural sinus medicine and will open clogged sinus passages and halt mucus secretion.

"I have observed fits of sneezing and massive allergic attacks halted in a matter of seconds after administering the oil," says Dr. Ingram.

Dr. Ingram says the reason 'hot and spicy' herbs and oils help allergy symptoms is because they kill fungus - the real culprit behind most so-called "allergic reactions". "A recent study at the Mayo Clinic found that swollen, clogged, and chronically draining sinuses were not caused by the usual allergens...the symptoms were caused by the fungus in the nose," says Dr. Ingram. "Most people incorrectly assume they are allergic to pollen, dust, or animals - but what they experience is a reaction to fungus in their sinuses," says Dr. Ingram.

According to the Mayo study, over 40 types of fungus were found in the nasal passages of the study participants, a situation which lessened their immune systems' ability to fight off other invaders like dander, dust, and pollen.

"Allergy symptoms vanish when you kill the fungus. If your eyes and nose water whenever you're near the family dog, apply some wild oregano oil near your nose and place some drops under your tongue," says Dr. Ingram.

Your sneezing and watering eyes will magically vanish... and so will the mountain of Kleenex overflowing the trash can.

Assessors have assessed, notices of assessment change have been mailed and now boards of assessment review across the state are ready for the sometimes quiet, sometimes tumultuous grievance day.

A quick survey across the north country indicates there will be but a few hotbeds of assessment challenge across four counties.

Changes in assessment most frequently trigger challenges, county real property tax officials say, especially when there are whole or partial revaluations in assessing districts.

There were reassessments done in three Lewis County towns — Diana, Turin and Leyden.

“They could be busy in those towns,” county Real Property Tax Director Candy Akin said. “For the most part, the smaller towns are usually no big deal, but larger towns usually have some activity.”

She said she was unaware of any challenges from commercial, higher-assessed property owners, but her Jefferson County counterpart, Roxanne Burns, noted that a number of nationally known commercial property owners with local property typically file a grievance every year, which allows them, when they are inevitably denied their request, to initiate a tax certiorari action in state Supreme Court. A challenge before the local board of assessment review is required before a certiorari case can be filed.

Reassessments were also done in St. Lawrence County (one Ogdensburg neighborhood) and Oswego County (town of Scriba). Grievance action is likely to be higher there because of the changes.

Grievance day is just one part of a winding path toward a lower assessment.

The state Office of Real Property Tax recommends that every challenge begin with a discussion between the assessor and the property owner. The state offers a downloadable booklet on the process at <http://wdt.me/taxchallenge> that leads property owners through the process and offers forms that can be downloaded as well.

The basic form is RP-524, a sometimes-daunting four-page document with which property owners lay out the reasons why they believe their assessment should be lowered. Successful challenges are based on the ability to show unequal assessment, by showing that similar properties in the taxing district have lower assessments.

Other valid challenges are made by showing the assessment is excessive based on cost or sale price, the assessment is unlawful because it is exempt or outside the boundaries of the taxing district, or the property was misclassified, but only in municipalities that have established homestead and non-homestead tax rates.

The state sets a suggested grievance day date of the fourth Tuesday in May. However, the trend of eschewing elected assessors for paid professionals has reduced the number of towns that use that date, primarily because the majority of professional assessors serve more than one town and can't be in two places at once.

Below is a list by county of town and city grievance days. The city of Watertown is not listed because it met in February to review challenges.

St. Lawrence county

| May 22: Brasher, Canton, Colton, Edwards; Fowler; Gouverneur; Hermon; Lawrence; Louisville; Parishville; Piercefield; Pierrepont; Potsdam; Stockholm

| May 23: DeKalb; Hammond; Russell

| May 24: Clare; Clifton, Fine, Lisbon; Madrid; Oswegatchie; Rossie; Waddington

| May 30: Pitcairn

| June 4: Macomb

| June 5: Hopkinton; Morristown; Norfolk

| June 6: DePeyster

| June 19: City of Ogdensburg

EDWARDS — A wildfire that allegedly started as the result of an Edwards woman who was charged with burning garbage in her backyard on Sunday was reported contained Wednesday by state Department of Environmental Conservation.

On Sunday, two DEC forest rangers assisted about 50 volunteer firefighters from six St. Lawrence County volunteer fire departments to contain a wildfire started at 28 Ames Road in the area known as Talcville.

Edwards Volunteer Fire Chief Richard B. Anson said the fire was caused by a woman who was burning household garbage during a statewide burn ban that started March 16 and was in effect until May 14.

Moreover, he said that burn ban or not, it is illegal to burn household garbage.

State DEC Environmental Conservation Officer's ticketed Emily Joyce, 35, Edwards, for illegal open burning and illegal disposal of solid waste.

Chief Anson said he received the call about the fire at about 11:30 a.m. and along with his department and the forest rangers, volunteer fire departments from Gouverneur, Harrisville, Fine, Richville and DeKalb also assisted.

"The fire started in a swamp of cattails that were about 6 feet high and with the wind, it ripped right across the swamp, pretty quick," Chief Anson said. "They were burning trash and probably a piece of paper blew out of the area where they were burning the garbage and flew into the dry grass area."

Firefighters believed that once the flames made it to the wooded area it would slow, but Chief Anson said the flames jumped a ridge and spread across an area of deadwood and undergrowth and, by 7:30 p.m. Sunday, had destroyed 68 acres of hardwood, maple and pine trees.

Additionally, the rocky terrain and surrounding abandoned talc mines, shafts and caves, posed a danger for firefighters and it was a struggle to get water back into the forest to combat the fire. Chief Anson said they took advantage of some of the water-filled talc shafts to pump water in the fight against the flames.

The fire was 60 percent contained with no loss of buildings or reported injuries by the end of Sunday.

On Monday and Tuesday, state Forest Ranger Adam J. Baldwin and five other rangers went to the scene to continue developing a containment line and to extinguish any burning material.

Ranger Baldwin said while the fire departments work with water to fight the fire, their main attack is with hand tools, digging a “handline” perimeter around the fire, digging down to the soil in order to contain it.

“But we only had to dig maybe a foot or a foot and a half of handline, and that’s how we prevent the spread of that fire,” Ranger Baldwin said. “If you leave any kind of organic matter, it can pass through that.”

When he first arrived on the scene Monday, Ranger Baldwin said he walked the area with a GPS device to determine the size of the fire and he echoed Chief Anson in the challenges he faced, the terrain, especially in the rain on Tuesday, making the terrain slippery.

Chief Anson said from when they started at 7 a.m. Monday until eight or nine hours later, the fire was about 85 percent contained. He added that the rain on Tuesday was a great help in containing the fire.

The challenges and dangers could have all been avoided Chief Anson and Ranger Baldwin said, if the public understood why burn bans are put in place.

OGDENSBURG — A staff member of Sen. Patricia A. Ritchie, R-Heuvelton, is running for the St. Lawrence County Legislature’s District 1 seat.

In a campaign announcement from the steps of Ogdensburg City Hall on Wednesday, James E. Reagen, 62, said he was seeking elected office in part, because of the drug epidemic sweeping Ogdensburg and other parts of the county.

“A few weeks ago, Ogdensburg police raided a meth lab in an apartment across the street from my home,” Mr. Reagen said to supporters. “It was one of more than 40 discovered over the past year and a half in Ogdensburg.”

Mr. Reagen said the incidents illustrate what he described as a drug problem that is “blazing out of control in communities across St. Lawrence County.”

Last year, 37 drug overdoses were reported from locations in Ogdensburg to St. Lawrence County Emergency Services Central Dispatch office in Canton, according to Mr. Reagen. He said all told, some 180 drug overdose cases were reported from locations across St. Lawrence County.

“Over the past several months, I have been working with a community group that’s very concerned by the drug problem facing our community,” he said. “I believe that we are facing a very serious crisis that requires a coordinated response from local, county, state and federal agencies.”

The St. Lawrence County District 1 seat that Mr. Reagen will be seeking is currently held by Legislator Donald Hooper, also of Ogdensburg, who is not running again.

Mr. Reagen said he decided to enter the political arena at his friend’s beckoning.

“When my good friend, St. Lawrence County Legislator Donald Hooper, recently told me that family obligations would prevent him from running for re-election, and he urged me to run in his place, I decided that I owed it to my community to seek the nomination to serve on the St. Lawrence County Legislature from District 1,” Mr. Reagen said.

If elected, Mr. Reagen vowed to help keep St. Lawrence County on a sound fiscal path, and serve as a voice for the people of Ogdensburg.

“If I am elected, I will fight for Ogdensburg,” Mr. Reagen said. “I will work with our law enforcement agencies to help take back Ogdensburg from the drug dealers, neighborhood by neighborhood, block by block. I will work to help expand drug treatment opportunities for those suffering from addiction.”

Mr. Reagen also touted his experience fighting to maintain the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, and Ogdensburg’s prisons and hospital, as reasons to elect him to the county legislature.

“A few weeks ago, my wife, Donna, and I were blessed with the birth of a new granddaughter,” Mr. Reagen said. “I want to work for her and her three brothers to make sure that they have the same opportunities that I enjoyed as a child. If I am elected to the St. Lawrence County Legislature, I will fight for them and for your families.”

Mr. Hooper joined Mr. Reagen in making the announcement and said he was not seeking a second term on the legislature because of a pressing family need. He said he personally sought out Mr. Reagen because he knows he will help continue the path of fiscal responsibility the county legislature is now on.

St. Lawrence County Conservative Party Chairman Henry “Hank” Ford also endorsed Mr. Reagen at Wednesday’s campaign announcement.

By ANDY GARDNER

MASSENA -- The Town Council on Wednesday approved a code change governing the use of data centers in industrial zones, which is in response to cryptocurrency mining companies expressing interest in Massena.

Town Supervisor Steve O'Shaughnessy said the new law defines a data center as "an area where companies involved in computer, internet technology and software development are based."

Town attorney Eric Gustafson said the law already allowed for such a use.

The way I think about this is the definition of the allowed uses in the industrial zone ... was broad enough in my opinion to include the industrial park ... a clarification of what was already there ... made it perfectly clear that's something that's allowed in that industrial zone," he told the board.

Several cryptocurrency miners have expressed interest in the area, and one is already up and running.

Coinmint had sought a power discount from the New York Power Authority, but NYPA's board never acted on their application and passed a moratorium on granting discounts to cryptocurrency firms until they can learn more.

A second company, Blockchain Industries, had sought to buy town land on county Route 43 to build a cyptocurrency mine. They pulled out of the area after NYPA announced their moratorium.

A third company, Skynet Digital, is running a cryptocurrency mine out of the R.E. Michael building in the village.

Cryptocurrency mining involves using powerful computers running online 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to solve complex math problems that encrypt and unlock the cryptocurrency on a secure ledger of transactions known as a blockchain. The unlocked and encrypted portions of the blockchain are then sold or traded as a commodity. Probably the most well-known form of cryptocurrency is Bitcoin. There are hundreds other varieties, such as LiteCoin and Ethereum.

Massena Electric Department officials earlier in the year said they were studying the potential impact of adding cryptocurrency miners to their power grid. MED board chairman James Shaw went in front of the Town Council at their March meeting and said it has the potential to drive up rates for the entire system. He said they are monitoring their power grid for signs of people mining cryptocurrency.

POTSDAM -- The Potsdam Central School Board of Education has decided to pursue hiring a retired officer in partnership with Potsdam Village Police, according to school spokesperson Rebekah Grimm.

The board allocated the funds in the budget April 9 at a special budget meeting.

“After nearly a year of research, community outreach, and multiple listening and discussion sessions, the Potsdam Central School District's Board of Education has decided to move forward with hiring a school resource officer,” Grimm said.

However, the officer will be much more than a security guard. He or she will be a retired police officer and receive specialized training. The person will “possess necessary communication skills to function effectively within the school environment, and act as a role model and confidant to students,” school officials said.

The board and Superintendent Joann Chambers say that “much attention will be given to finding a person whose personality and temperament fit the needs for Potsdam Central and its students.”

The in-school police officer must be employed by a police agency, which is why Potsdam is partnering with village police. A retired officer would be reinstated by the department with peace officer status and employed by the department as a special patrolman, officials said.

The designated salary is \$30,000, which is included in next year's budget that was approved by voters last night.

CANTON -- Voters in Canton passed the \$30,945,031 budget last night and approved purchasing three new buses.

The CCS Board of Education authorized the purchase of three student transportation vehicles, including related furnishings and equipment, not to exceed \$320,000.

The bus proposition was approved 292-49.

That the school board authorized to levy an annual tax on behalf of the Canton Free Library in the amount of \$45,000, in addition to the existing annual tax of \$271,000, for a total annual sum of \$316,000. That proposition passed 271-72.

The three seats that were up this year were for Victor Rycroft, Robert Devins, and James Nee, according to school officials. Winning, and keeping their seats, were James Nee with 286 votes; Victor Rycroft with 284 votes and Robert Devins with 265 votes.

The proposed budget of \$30,945,031 "will allow the district to retain all current educational programs and staffing, add faculty and staff needed to address the educational and socio-emotional needs of our students, and also enhance our security posture," according to Superintendent William Gregory.

The proposed budget is within the allowable tax cap of 2.67 percent, he said.

The budget includes replacement of the seven positions including elementary, elementary music, special education, science and technology teachers, two teaching assistants and the addition of a mental health counselor and an in-school police officer.

All seven replacements are retirements with the exception of the special education and technology teachers, which were resignations.

Once the youngest mayor in the country, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro is setting his sights on New York's highest executive office.

"I think it's about time that New York has a governor that understands how difficult it is to live in New York," he said.

Molinaro is from the Hudson Valley area, growing up in the village of Tivoli, where he was elected a village trustee at age 18, and village mayor at 19.

"Serving as a village mayor, you learn that when the roof leaks, it leaks on Republicans and Democrats and our job is just to fix the roof and frankly (I) have spent every day of my adult life trying to make government function," he said.

Molinaro kept that mentality as a Dutchess County Legislator, state Assemblyman, and now as the county executive.

It's one of the reasons Molinaro makes for a strong candidate in the eyes of people like Don Coon, the head of Jefferson County's Republican Party.

"He's got a cooperative spirit in how he governs. He's got a lot of good, new ideas and ways to move New York state forward," said Coon.

Molinaro is hard on Governor Andrew Cuomo over what Molinaro calls an "emboldened culture of corruption" and says the governor is too concerned with "regulating and overtaxing."

Molinaro is in favor of ethics reforms and setting term limits for elected officials and he says it's time for a change at the top.

"I've seen the burden on too many families...At the end of the day, our focus needs to be about making New York affordable, driving down property taxes, making it easier for families, farmers, and businesses to survive; streamlining and modernizing government to hold it accountable," he said.

Molinaro's campaign hasn't made its way too our part of the north country yet, but he says he plans to travel to as many places as he can.

AKWESASNE—The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe is encouraging school district residents to support candidates PJ Burns, Agnes “Sweets” Jacobs and Curtis White in the upcoming Salmon River School Board Election on Tuesday, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 15, 2018. In addition to voting on two school board seats, district residents will also have a chance to vote in favor of a proposition to hold the annual school board election and budget vote at the St. Regis Mohawk School on alternating years.

“Holding the school board elections at the St. Regis Mohawk School is a measure that our community has been seeking that will increase inclusion of Akwesasne residents in decisions made by the school district. Voting in favor of the proposition will give community members who have children attending the Salmon River School District a stronger voice in their education,” stated Tribal Chief Eric Thompson.

On Tuesday, Ennisko:wa/March 13, 2018; the Salmon River School Board voted six to two in favor of adding a proposition to this year’s school district elections that proposes to alternate voting locations between the St. Regis Mohawk School and the main campus in Fort Covington. Onerahtohkó:wa/May 15th will be the first time that elections will be held at the Mohawk School, which will provide an opportunity for both schools to host the annual election on alternating years.

Approximately 68 percent of the Salmon River student body is comprised of Native students enrolled with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe. As a result, the Tribe is asking local residents to vote on Onerahtohkó:wa/May 15th in support of the proposition and to ensure that the voice of Akwesasne youth has equivalent representation on the school board by voting to re-elect PJ Burns and to elect Agnes “Sweets” Jacobs or Curtis White.

The State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC's) Angler Achievement Awards Program continues to gain popularity with New York anglers, Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today. The program recognizes anglers that catch freshwater fish that meet specific qualifying criteria. In addition to the official recognition of their catch, anglers receive a distinctive lapel pin commemorating their achievement.

“The high number of qualified entries and record catches celebrated in this year’s Angler Achievement Awards are a prime example of the high quality and diverse fish found in New York’s waters,” said Commissioner Seggos. “I’m proud to honor these remarkable achievements and record catches and congratulate our state’s skillful anglers.”

In 2017, two anglers qualified for record-breaking catches. Eric Scordo caught a 35 lb. 3 oz. channel catfish from Lake Ontario (Jefferson County) on April 29, 2017, and Jason Bair caught a 36-lb. freshwater drum from Oneida Lake (Oneida County) on June 16, 2017.

Other notable catches include an impressive 39-inch lake trout caught and released from Lake Erie (Chautauqua County), a 7 lb. 10 oz. largemouth bass caught from Loch Sheldrake Lake (Sullivan County), and a 58-inch muskellunge caught and released from the St. Lawrence River (Jefferson County).

The program's three categories are: Catch & Release, Annual Award (kept fish), and State Record. With 43 eligible fish species, the possibilities for anglers of all skill levels to participate are endless. In addition to providing deserved recognition to those anglers catching trophy fish, the program provides a useful snapshot of the quality of the state's freshwater fishery.

In 2017, 150 entries were submitted with more than 80 percent qualified under the Catch and Release Category, indicating the sound stewardship ethic of New York's anglers. New York's most popular sportfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass, made up most of the species submissions. Forty-five of New York's 62 counties were represented in entries submitted last year—a great example of the abundant fishing opportunities throughout New York State.

