

January 2025

# The Town Crier

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## NEWS FROM SUPERVISOR NAPPER PLANS UNDERWAY FOR 2025

Another year over, a new one is about to begin. Time seems to pass very quickly. Most people I talk to who are around my age can't believe how we got so old so fast. The fact 2024 was our Bicentennial year makes reflection especially relevant this year. I often think how much things have changed in my 72 years. When I was in school, there were many dairy farms in town. Even then, the number of stonewalls in the woods was impressive. In 1824, our predecessors were still clearing land. It reminds me that the one constant is change.

### Updating our Buildings and Grounds

We've had a busy year. Our **Town Hall** is nearly 50 years old, and we continue to update it. The parking lot has been repaved and we continue to remodel the inside of the building. We still have more to do. The **Courthouse** is the second town building to get heat pumps. Grant funding covered most of our costs. Our experience, so far, indicates heat pumps are both practical and cost-efficient.

The **Saranac American Legion** in Redford continues to step up to help our town. We worked with them to add swings at the **Rita Wilson Playground** in Redford. By the time you read this, we hope the clock they purchased for **Town Green** will be installed. The recent hurricane impacted the clock's manufacturer and has delayed the project.

This year, we continued to do **recovery work** from July 2023 floods. The process will continue next year. We have received most of the funding related to the damage, but have not yet had enough time to complete the effort.

Other issues we would like to address revolve around **safety**. The school, Town Green, and Bowen Road area see a lot of traffic, including foot traffic. A study is being done **to find ways to make the area safer**. Speed limits in this area have long been considered. Residents expressed interest in **lower speed limits** on some of our other roads, as well, as safer intersections. The process to change speed limits is long and involves other layers of government. We have started the process and **wish to have input from our residents**.

### Celebrating with Our Community

For 2025, we do plan, once again, to have a **Field Day and Parade**. That will occur on **Saturday, September 6**, after Labor Day. The parade was a real success in 2024, but the Field Day was impacted by weather. The **fireworks** at dark were spectacular, though. We will also have **Kid's Day**, presumably at Bowen Road Park, in July.

Looking ahead, we can all hope for a peaceful, prosperous, and healthy time in 2025. As always, your elected representatives need to hear of your concerns. Please reach out with your ideas to help us to do a better job.

*Tim Napper*

### *Town Officials*

**Assessor:** Dave Galarneau  
518 - 293 - 6666, Ext. 6

**Budget Officer:** Tim Napper  
518 - 293 - 6666, Ext. 2

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Raymond LeDuc  
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518 - 293 - 8082

**Dog Control Officer:**  
Lou Plante  
518 - 293 - 6666, Ext. 8

**Highway Superintendent:**  
Steve McKenzie  
518 - 293 - 7707

**Legislator:** Patty Waldron  
518 - 645 - 4687

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Manager and  
Recreation Leader**  
Jaki Carter  
518 - 304 - 3064

**Secretary to Supervisor:**  
Lisa Racette  
518 - 293 - 6666, Ext. 2

**Tax Collector:** Mark White  
518 - 293 - 6427

**Town Clerk:** Deb Pellerin  
518 - 293 - 6666, Ext. 3

**Town Council:**  
Conner Perry  
518 - 219 - 2065  
Tracy Eggleston  
518 - 572 - 7085  
Michele Petrashune  
518 - 726 - 0397  
James "Blue" Terry  
518 - 578 - 4141

**Town Historian:**  
Lisa Racette  
518 - 572 - 6201

**Town Justices:**  
Perry J Lawton  
James E. Facticeau  
518 - 293 - 8082

**Town Supervisor:**  
Tim Napper  
518 - 293 - 6666, Ext. 1

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## SARANAC AMERICAN LEGION POST 1618

Respectfully submitted, Perry J. Lawton, *Post 1618 Adjutant*

In the North Country, we don't let a little cold weather deter the Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, Legion Riders, and Legion Auxiliary of Post 1618 in Redford from completing our mission. We always focus on meeting the needs of our local community, paying respect to the service of our military brothers and sisters, and setting the example for a new generation of American patriots. "Veterans Strengthening America" – That's our motto, and here are a few ways in which we demonstrate it.

### COMMUNITY:

September 2024, a new **swing set for the Rita Wilson Park in Redford** was installed. Post 1618 **donated the funds and assisted in the purchase** of the swing. The park in Standish will need landscaping mats next spring and the Legion will hope to assist with this effort, as well.

September 2024, the Legion **hosted and donated to a fundraising event** for a local teen suffering from a serious illness. Hundreds of meals were served and **over \$25,000** was raised to assist the family. The Post hosted another fundraiser for a local family suffering from illness, raising **\$18,000** to assist with medical needs.

The **Legion Auxiliary** held their annual **Harvest Dinner** October 13<sup>th</sup>, with hundreds of meals served. Auxiliary members then partnered with the **Assumption of Mary Church** October 27<sup>th</sup>, with their "**Trunk or Treat**" event, held in the school and parking lot. These events grow every year and are a big hit with local families.

The Legion Auxiliary also held their annual **Christmas breakfast with Santa** December 15<sup>th</sup>. Gifts were handed out to local children by Santa. It was another fun time for the kids and the community.

This Fall, the Legion continued to sponsor the **Lady Mariners** softball program by hosting and donating to several spaghetti fundraiser dinners.

During Summer and Fall 2024, Legion patrons have been enjoying the music of the **Terry Mountain Boys**. This local band has provided a popular respite for our members who enjoy food, music, dancing, and fellowship. Events are normally held **every other Tuesday from 5:30-7:30pm**, and will begin again after the holidays. Keep an eye on the Route 3 message board for details.

November 2024, Post 1618 Legion members **donated ingredients and efforts to a fundraising spaghetti dinner** for a local resident and longtime member of the local **Knights of Columbus**, who had recently undergone major heart surgery. The dinner and a silent auction **raised thousands** in funds for the family.

### STUDENTS:

October 2024, the Legion **donated \$2,000 for Saranac students** to purchase needed supplies for the year. A warm thank you letter of gratitude was received from the students and staff.

This year, the Legion awarded seven \$1,000 **scholarships** for local students attending college during the 2024-2025 school year. **Sons of the American Legion (SAL)**, and **Legion Auxiliary** also awarded scholarships to worthy students. Applications for scholarship opportunities at the Post and the county level are available at Saranac Central School or by contacting the Legion.

Post 1618 continues to support local students who participate in academic and leadership competitions like the **American Legion Oratorical Contest**, and the **Boys' State Program**. Applications can be found at the High School guidance office, or you can contact the Legion.

The Legion has been a longtime sponsor of the local **Scouting America** program. This year's recharter included fourteen scouts and leaders. The troop is always looking for interested young people to join their ranks and is expected to grow this year.

November 2024, several Legion members attended a **Veteran's Day event** at **Saranac Elementary School**. **Flags** were displayed in front of the school, representing students who have a veteran as a parent. They also **raised \$1,000 to donate to the North Country Honor Flight**.

November 2024, the Legion **donated to the Saranac and Peru joint Varsity hockey team** to assist with the purchase of equipment and ice time.

## MORE FROM SARANAC AMERICAN LEGION POST 1618

### VETERANS:

October 2024, Post 1618 donated to the **Homeward Bound of the Adirondacks** to assist a **Vietnam veteran** who needed a **lift and truck cap** for his wheelchair. Homeward Bound of the Adirondacks is a nonprofit entity, staffed by veterans, seeking to serve local veterans and positively impact their lives.

The final **North Country Honor Flight** for this year was held on October 5<sup>th</sup>. 244 motorcycles from The Legion Riders and other rider groups escorted veterans from their homes to the send-off ceremony on the Oval in Plattsburgh. Post Commander **Rick Fournia**, Former Commander **Jim Farrell**, Historian and past Adjutant **Bob Fish**, Executive Committee member **Todd Perry**, and member **Rick Roberts** were honored on this flight. Legionnaires and Legion Riders **donated \$12,000** to cover the cost of one flight, including all the veterans on the flight and their guardians. A bus load of **Saranac High School students** attended to help honor our heroes. After the event, **breakfast** was held at the Legion for the students and attendees. Additional donations were collected for next year's events, scheduled to begin in May 2025.

We have also been **hosting lunches at the Legion** on Tuesdays during the summer and fall of 2024. **More than \$10,000** has been raised this year for the North Country Honor Flight.

This year's **Hometown Heroes Banners** were removed after Veteran's Day for cleaning and storage. **Town of Saranac employees** were a key team player in this effort, with **more than 85 banners**. They will be re-installed in the spring, on or about Memorial Day. New banners ordered as part of the program are now larger in size, and allow options to place more than one veteran from a family on the same banner. **Applications** are available at the Town Hall and Legion headquarters on Wilson Road. Instructions and contact information can be found on the applications. You may contact the Legion building at (518) 293-7887 or [saranaheroes@yahoo.com](mailto:saranaheroes@yahoo.com) with any questions, or if you wish to assist in this worthwhile effort.

December 2024, Legion members once again honored our deceased fellow Veterans in the Redford and Dannemora cemeteries as part the nationwide **"Wreaths Across America" Day**. We joined more than two million volunteers and supporters who gathered to "Remember, Honor and Teach" at more than 4,600 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad. Post 1618 has been participating in this event since 2019. The theme for 2024 is **"Live with Purpose"**. This year, we **partnered with Wal-Mart** corporate offices for the event. Several executives helped lay wreaths on more than 480 gravesites on December 13, 2024 in four cemeteries. A **luncheon** after the days' activities rounded off this solemn event. December 14, 2024, wreaths were placed for each branch of military service during the **Honor Guard ceremony**, held at Legion headquarters. Wreath laying was followed by a **fellowship luncheon** that was open to the public.



**2023 Wreaths Across America Ceremony  
American Legion Post 1618**

In keeping with our mission of service, the Legion continues to assist fellow Veterans in need. Legion members recently **built a new front deck** on the home of a former Post Commander. Materials and time were all donated or paid by the members.

The Legion pavilion has been closed for winterization, but we still remain busy almost every weekend. We look forward to several bookings, including weddings, baby and wedding showers, birthday parties, fundraisers, and funeral meals for members of the Legion Family, and the community. If you are interested in booking an event or finding out more about our American Legion Family, contact the Post 1618 Commander or Adjutant at (518) 293-7887, email at [adjutant1618@outlook.com](mailto:adjutant1618@outlook.com), or visit us at our Post 1618 Legion Hall located at 275 Wilson Road in Redford.

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**Girl Scouts  
of Northeastern  
New York**  
For information, please  
contact Mandi Devins  
518 - 593 - 7083



## SARANAC BOOK CLUB

The Saranac Book Club meets the **third Wednesday** of the month at **7:00 pm** at the **Saranac Fire Department**.

New members are welcome and may contact Marcia ([mnewcombe728@gmail.com](mailto:mnewcombe728@gmail.com)) with questions.

**FOR INFORMATION  
ABOUT YOUR  
LOCAL POLITICAL  
COMMITTEES,  
CONTACT:**

**STEVE FULTON  
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[FULTONFARM48@MSN.COM](mailto:FULTONFARM48@MSN.COM)

**JIM "BLUE" TERRY  
REPUBLICAN CHAIR**

[JAMESTERRY2022@YAHOO.COM](mailto:JAMESTERRY2022@YAHOO.COM)

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OUTREACH  
CENTER  
AND FOOD  
PANTRY  
78 HIGBY ROAD  
ELLENBURG DEPOT**

**Brooke King**  
[bking@jceo.org](mailto:bking@jceo.org)  
518 - 802 - 8005  
[www.jceo.org](http://www.jceo.org)

**Tuesday 8:00 - 3:30  
Thursday 8:00 - 3:30**

## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES

This winter, as roads are getting nasty and temperatures are dropping, it's time again to offer residents a warm and friendly money-saving **Safe Driving Course** at the **Saranac Town Hall Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm**.

We will also offer a class at the **Rouses Point Civic Center Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm**. Call now to reserve seats: 518-578-9626, or send an mail to: [signup@additionaltraining.com](mailto:signup@additionaltraining.com) This is at the lowest cost available locally, only **\$29.99!** Please bring your driver's license, a pen, a bag lunch, and your payment the day of the class.

This course is a New York State (PIRP) Points and Insurance Reduction Program class and all attendees will receive 10% off their Collision, No-Fault and Liability Auto and Motorcycle Insurance, as well as up to a 4-Point reduction from their Driver's License, DMV Point total.

An Online Option works well for some people who are comfortable using a web-based course. You can save with this 2025 promotion and take the class completely ONLINE for only \$24.95 by going to: [www.additiontraining.com](http://www.additiontraining.com). Just click the button and you'll have up to 30 days to complete the class or you won't be charged.

## UPDATE FROM RAYMOND LEDUC JR., CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

I hope you all had a safe and joy-filled holiday season. This is a good time for anyone planning a building project in the new year to start working on getting everything in order. If you are preparing for a **2025 building project**, please feel free to check in with the Code Enforcement Office to see what permits and other documents might be needed. This will keep you from having any delays when nice weather returns and you are ready to start your project.

Office Hours: Monday 2:30 - 5:00  
518-293-6666 Ext. 5  
[codeofficer@townofsaranac.com](mailto:codeofficer@townofsaranac.com)

## NEWS FROM CLINTON COUNTY AREA 6

Clinton County has made remarkable strides in **increased sales tax**, which we share with our towns. We are also doing extremely well in **economic growth**.

I have **one year left** with the legislature before term limits take me out. I do believe three four-year terms make sense. I am in **my twelfth year** and have enjoyed this fabulous ride representing **Legislative Area 6**. Within the next few months, if someone who loves this county, and the small towns we live in, **please consider a run for my seat**. I personally would support a bi-partisan candidate who is willing to be brave and cross lines for the betterment of all! This final year is filled with potential and, as the **Economic Development Chairperson**, I will do everything I can to see healthy growth come to fruition.

Happy New Year to everyone,  
**Patty Waldron**



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## RURAL PRESERVATION COMPANY (RPC) OF CLINTON COUNTY, INC.

**Jennifer Amell**  
Executive Director

**Jolita Aubin**  
Program & Properties  
Director

We are a not-for-profit dedicated to help improve the housing conditions of low-income families within Clinton County. RPC uses grant funding, as well as donations, to help low-income homeowners with necessary or emergency repairs to their homes.

RPC is also ready to **help find other agencies** willing to assist homeowners who may not qualify for available grants. If you, or someone you know, needs help with emergency home repairs, please reach out.

**rpc@clintonrpc.org**  
(518) 293 - 7569  
48 Ganong Drive, Suite 1  
Saranac, NY

**M - F 8:00 - 3:30**  
**www.clintonrpc.org**

## SARANAC VALLEY HOUSING

**Jolita Aubin**  
Tuesday 3:30-6:00 pm  
Thursday 1:00-3:30 pm  
56 McCutcheon Lane,  
Suite 3

**518 - 293 - 8518**

**Crystal Narducci**  
Executive Director



Friends of the North Country, Inc. (Friends) is a not-for-profit agency dedicated to helping our neighbors address their affordable housing needs. **We are here to help our neighbors - especially during these difficult times!** If you are having trouble paying your mortgage or rent payments, or need assistance with your home repairs, please call one of our HUD-Certified Housing Counselors.

### Grant Programs

To help our low-to-moderate income neighbors address their housing needs, Friends applies for and administers affordable housing grants. **Friends is currently accepting applications for the following affordable housing grants:**

- ◆ **NYS, CDBG and HOME Manufactured Mobile Home Replacement Programs** (throughout Clinton and Franklin Counties). Each of these programs are designed to replace mobile/manufactured homes with significant health, safety and building code violations.
- ◆ **CDBG Rehabilitation Programs.** These programs are designed to address health and safety issues, building code violations, and improve energy efficiency.

### How to Contact Us

To request an application for affordable housing grants or for Housing Counseling services:

Bethany Roberts, Housing Counselor  
[broberts@friendsofthenorthcountry.org](mailto:broberts@friendsofthenorthcountry.org)  
518-293-5045 ext. 135  
Christina Girouard, Counseling Manager  
[cpiercy@friendsofthenorthcountry.org](mailto:cpiercy@friendsofthenorthcountry.org)  
518-293-5045 ext. 125

## BROOKE KING, JCEO OUTREACH WORKER

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to our wonderful community. I am **Brooke King** and I am **Manager of both Saranac and Dannemora JCEO Outreach Offices.** I am so thankful to be part of this amazing community! I try my best to be an advocate for families and individuals, whether you need an **emergency service**, help to complete a **HEAP application**, or to come and vent to me while I help you decide what service you may need!

We are accepting **Food Pantry donations** at this time. We are not accepting general clothing at this time; however, we will accept **winter coats, boots, ski pants, hats and gloves in decent condition.** We also accept **hygiene items and cleaning supplies.**

It is my pleasure to serve our community. Many clients have expressed gratitude for me, as well, which makes this service all the more special! I look forward to meeting you! We are growing a beautiful community and I am so glad you all are a part of it!

## VILLAGE OF DANNEMORA COMMUNITY CENTER

40 Emmons Street  
P.O. Box 566  
Dannemora, NY 12929

**518 - 492 - 7000**

Village Office Hours  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm MTuW  
(Closed to Public Thursday)  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Fri

**Calendar of Events**  
is available at <http://www.dannemoravillage.com>

**Visit our Facebook page,**  
*Village of Dannemora*

## DANNEMORA FREE LIBRARY

**New Hours of Operation**

**Tuesday 11:00 - 4:00**

**Wednesday 11:00 - 4:00**

**Thursday 3:00 - 8:00**

**Friday 11:00 - 4:00**

**Saturday 11:00 - 4:00**

**FREE WiFi available**  
when the building is open.

## SARANAC CUB SCOUTS Grades K-5 Boys and Girls

**For more information,**  
please call:  
**Jen Drucker**  
518 - 569 - 1978  
**Louis Plante**  
518 - 578 - 8609  
**Jane Cannon**  
518 - 492 - 3058

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## THE NEW LAND TRUST

236 Plumadore Road  
Saranac, NY

### After Dark Policy:

For night visiting or overnight outdoor camping, contact **Hal Moore** 518 - 570 - 5375  
No camping allowed in the Clubhouse.

For events, updates, photos, and a printable map, visit: [www.thenewlandtrust.org](http://www.thenewlandtrust.org)  
or contact by email: [newlandtrust@gmail.com](mailto:newlandtrust@gmail.com)

## 911 ADDRESS SIGNS

Visit your local Fire Department, **Monday evenings**, between **6:00 and 8:00 pm** to complete paperwork or call **518-293-8290** to place an order over the phone

## OUTBACK RIDERS INC. ATV CLUB

Monthly meetings are held year-round every second Monday, 7:00 pm

Clinton County Fairgrounds  
Fish and Game Building

Alfred Chapple  
Club President  
518 - 566 - 9571  
[Outbackridersinc.org](http://Outbackridersinc.org)

Membership is open  
to the public

## OUR LOCAL LIBRARY HAS MUCH TO OFFER

Alexander Chase, *Dannemora Free Library*

This year's **Summer Reading Program's** theme was "Adventure Begins at Your Library" and we had a very successful and fun time this year exploring **Under the Sea**, **The Desert**, and **The Jungle**. We also held a **Field Day** with water balloons. We would like to thank the **Tree House After School Program**, who gave us a lot of support. Most importantly, **more books were checked out during summer reading this year!** This year's program was brought to you with funds generously **donated by you and Stewart's** through the **Stewart's Match Program!**

With money from the **Kiwanis Noon Club** and the **Lake Placid Education Foundation**, we will be **painting stencils on the walkway behind the Community Center** that will enhance the outdoor space. These include animal tracks, hopscotch and other images that will add sensory experience for children and families.

We have a **new Clerk** who has been working in the library during the week named **Maria Aldrich**. Come in and say hi!

The **Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System** now has access to thousands of **magazines** on the **Libby app**. You can access these for free by using your library card! Remember, **the library is free for the public** and anybody can come in and get a card and borrow books and DVD's from the library and request any item from the 28 other libraries in the system, as well as any eBooks or Audiobooks available on Libby.

**Wild Center Pass:** This year we will be lending out the **Wild Center Discovery "no-copy" pass**, which means the pass will allow **two adults and four youth, ages 5 to 17**, to be admitted for free. This will be on a **strict three-day loan** which will incur late fees if the pass is returned late. For more information about The Wild Center in Tupper Lake, please visit [www.wildcenter.org](http://www.wildcenter.org).

The **Book Club** meets the **first Wednesday** of the month from **3:30 pm to 4:30 pm**.

Book Club selections: **January-No Meeting**  
**February 5th-*The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese**  
**March 6th - *A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly**  
**April 3rd - *James* by Percival Everett**

**New Winter Hours:**

Tuesday	11am – 4 pm
Wednesday	11am – 4 pm
Thursday	3 pm – 8 pm
Friday	11am – 4 pm
Saturday	11am – 4 pm
Closed Sunday & Monday	

## GREETINGS FROM THE VILLAGE OF DANNEMORA!

A **huge thank you** goes out to all those who braved the cold temperatures and attended our **annual tree lighting at the People's Park** on December 6<sup>th</sup>. We love celebrating with our community!

Don't forget the **Beautification Committee's next fundraiser**, which is **dinner at Mainly Lobster**. This event will take place **Monday, February 10, 2025**. For **\$20**, you get a choice of **Fried Haddock, Fried Shrimp or Yankee Pot Roast dinner**. These dinner tickets are available for purchase – just reach out to one of the committee members.

Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will take place at **1:00 pm sharp on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** at the Community Center. Don't be late – the event starts promptly at 1:00 pm and **over 10,000 eggs are scooped up in under 5 minutes!**

Lastly, **Hometown Hero** flags for the upcoming summer are available for purchase. Orders must be received **before March 20, 2025** in order to get your flag up. Any questions – reach out to **Trustee Laurie Cross** at [trustee.cross@villageofdannemora.net](mailto:trustee.cross@villageofdannemora.net).

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**SARANAC JCEO  
COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH  
CENTER  
AND FOOD PANTRY**

3668 STATE ROUTE 3  
SARANAC

**Brooke King**  
bking@jceo.org  
518 - 293 - 6661  
www.jceo.org

Monday 8:00 - 3:30  
Wednesday 8:00 - 3:30  
Friday 8:00 - 3:30

Volunteers are Welcome  
Donations Accepted  
Services Are Confidential

**DANNEMORA  
MUSEUM**

Larry Seney  
Town Historian  
and Colleen Seney  
518 - 293 - 7025

Open By Appointment

April - November  
1st Saturday  
10:00 - 2:00

Photo Gallery  
Please Stop By

**MOUNTAIN  
LIONS  
SNOWSLED  
CLUB**

Seasonal Monthly Meetings  
On the First Thursday  
September through April  
7:00 - 8:30 pm

Saranac Town Hall  
Dennis Wright  
Club President  
518 - 572 - 7008

**YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Saranac Fire Department has received our new **Pumper Tanker 313**. We thank our District for allowing us to purchase the new equipment, letting us help you in your time of need. We held our **annual election** of officers December 5, 2024. The results are as follows:

- Chief - James Canning**
- Deputy Chief - TJ Strack**
- Assistant Chief - Cody McCasland**
- Assistant Chief - Andrew Petrashune**
- Fire Captain - Bryan Siskavich**
- Fire Captain- Conner Perry**
- Fire Lt - Chris Plumadore**
- Fire Lt - Bob Birk**
- Ems Captain - Keri Canning**
- Rescue Lt - Don Uhler**
- Fire Police Captain - Mike Perry**



**MOUNTAIN LIONS SNOWMOBILE CLUB**

In the middle of September, the club rented an excavator. They did some **much-needed trail work**, including trails S88 and C8a from Conklin's to State land. They did **ditch work**, as well as **widened and cleared trails**. Members also removed large stones and repaired culverts. Thank you so much to **Ed Breyette, Dennis Wright, Jon Harrell Sr., and some local guys from Lyon Mountain** who came to volunteer. I am sure snowmobilers will appreciate their efforts this season.

Our **raffle for the new sled**, supplied by **Robert's Sports in Clayburg**, was a huge success. **Josh Fleming**, the Chair for this event, worked endlessly to make it a success. Thank you. Club members who sold so many tickets, also, a **big thank you**. So many **businesses who supported** our cause were invaluable. To all the people who bought the tickets, we say thank you. The winner was **Keith Bushey**. Congratulations; hope you enjoy it.

This snow looks like a good sign for the start of the season; let's hope it stays! We are all hoping for a much better season than last year.

**COURT  
CLERK  
CAROL  
PLUMADORE**

- **Court Phone**  
518 - 293 - 8082
- **Fax Number (New)**  
518 - 704 - 2956
- **Email**  
cplumadore@nycourts.gov  
or  
cplumadore@townofsaranac.com

3668 STATE ROUTE 3  
(NEXT TO THE TOWN HALL)

Saranac Town Court is open on **MONDAY'S only**. We are closed on ALL State and Federal holidays, or their observance day if it is a Monday.

Court normally begins about **4:30 pm**, unless you are otherwise advised by the Court or your attorney.

The Clerk is at Court **starting at 2:00 pm to collect fines and provide general information**. We have no set closing time; when our calendar is cleared, we do our paperwork and close for the night.

If Court is closed due to an unexpected emergency, there will be a notice posted on the door. You should contact the Court, or your attorney if you have one, to get a new return date.

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## TOWN CLERK

DEB

PELLERIN

Office Hours

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Or By Appointment

518 - 293 - 6666, ext. 3

townclerk

@townofsaranac.com

NORTHERN

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SOCIETY OF

CLINTON

COUNTY

Dedicated to  
Ancestral Research

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Wednesdays and

1st Saturday monthly

518 - 492 - 4142

www.nnyacgs.com

President ~

Pat Buckley

nnyacgs@gmail.com

Librarian ~

lemeryfran@verizon.net

## HILL AND HOLLOW MUSIC AT THE STRAND

### LE VENT DU NORD

Sunday, February 9 at 3:00 pm

Strand Center for the Arts Theatre, 25 Brinkerhoff Street, Plattsburgh

*"The hottest ticket in town on the Saturday night was for the rambunctious five-piece from Quebec, Le Vent du Nord, who put on a proper party."* SONGLINES MAGAZINE (UK)

*Le Vent du Nord blaze a worldwide trail for Quebecois Music with passion, great musicianship, and fun!"* WEMFEST 2024 (UK)



Le Vent du Nord is a leading force in Quebec's progressive **francophone folk movement**. The group's vast repertoire draws from both traditional sources and original compositions, while enhancing its hard-driving soulful music (rooted in the Celtic diaspora) with a broad range of global influences. **Featuring button accordion, guitar, fiddle, vocals, and foot percussion**, the band's sound is defined by the hurdy-gurdy, which adds an earthy, rough-hewn flavor to even the most buoyant dance tunes.

Since its inception in August 2002, Le Vent du Nord has enjoyed meteoric success, performing well over 2,000 concerts over four continents and racking up several prestigious awards, including a Grand Prix du Disque Charles Cros, two Junos (Canada's Grammys), a Félix at ADISQ, a Canadian Folk Music Award, and "Artist of the Year" at the North American Folk Alliance Annual Gala.

The group exhibits great finesse and flexibility, appearing regularly on Canadian, American, French, and UK television and radio, and participating in a wide variety of special musical projects. They've collaborated and performed with a diverse range of artists including Harry Manx, Väsen, Dervish, The Chieftains, Breton musical pioneer Yann-Fañch Kemener, Québécois roots legend and master storyteller Michel Faubert, the Scottish folk band Breabach, singer Julie Fowlis, and the trans-Mediterranean ensemble Constantinople.

Onstage these friends create intense, joyful and dynamic live performances that expand the bounds of tradition in striking global directions. This is the modern sound of tradition, a music of the here and now.



## LÚNASA

**Sunday, March 9 at 3:00 pm**

**Strand Center for the Arts Theatre, 25 Brinkerhoff Street, Plattsburgh**

*“an Irish music dream team”* FOLK ROOTS (UK)

*“the hottest Irish acoustic band on the planet.”* IRISH ECHO (USA)

*“Lúnasa reigns as the new Celtic royalty”* BOSTON HERALD (USA)

Named Lughnasadh for an ancient Celtic harvest festival in honor of the Irish god Lugh, Lúnasa was formed in 1997 from members of some of the greatest Irish groups of the previous decade. From the start, the band's complex arrangements and unique sound reshaped the boundaries of traditional music and energized audiences the world over. Critical acclaim followed, MOJO magazine named the band "the new gods of Irish music," adding that "nobody since the Bothies has wielded such a thrilling rhythmic underlay." Billboard raved that "anybody who listens can't help but find them contagious."

Having since sold over a quarter of a million records and performed over 2,500 shows across 36 countries, Lunasa has won multiple awards and become one of the most influential bands in the history of traditional music. Collaborations with singers Natalie Merchant, Mary-Chapin Carpenter, and Tim O'Brien and high-profile concerts at The Hollywood Bowl, New York's Carnegie Hall, Glastonbury Festival and Bercy Arena Paris helped broaden the band's audience and cement its place at the forefront of contemporary Irish music.

Lunasa's current lineup features: Trevor Hutchinson, who achieved fame as the bassist with the The Waterboys; piper Cillian Vallely was a member of Riverdance and recorded with Bruce Springsteen; Flute player Kevin Crawford, considered one of Ireland's greatest flute players, was a member of Moving Cloud; award-winning fiddler Sean Smyth, who performed with Donal Lunny's legendary Coolfin and accordionist Alan Kelly; Colin Farrell is a multiple award winning fiddler, who has toured with Project West, Grada and Michael McGoldrick; Guitarist Ed Boyd made a name for himself in the UK folk scene with bands such as Flook, Kate Rusby, and Cara Dillon.

**To book seats for these performances, please visit [strandcenter.org](http://strandcenter.org). Ticket prices are \$17, \$27, and \$37. Folks may also go in person to the Strand box office (in the old Federal Building) to get tix, or follow a link on our website: <https://www.hillandhollowmusic.org/calendar> There are videos on our website to check out the bands.**



January 2025

**Mark Your Calendar:****BOARD MEETINGS****Official Board Meetings:****Organizational Meeting**

Monday, January 6

**Regular Meetings**

Monday, January 27

Monday, February 24

Monday, March 24

**6:00 pm Saranac Town Hall  
Open to the Public****NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Wednesday, January 1

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
DAY**

Monday, January 20

**GROUNDHOG DAY**

Sunday, February 2

**VALENTINE'S DAY**

Friday, February 14

**PRESIDENTS' DAY**

Monday, February 17

**MARDI GRAS**

Tuesday, March 4

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
BEGINS**

Sunday, March 9

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

Monday, March 17

**SPRING EQUINOX**

Thursday, March 20

**THE NEW LAND TRUST**

Our newest Board member, **Erin Erskine**, joined in September 2024 and brings her expertise and energy. If you share our vision of expanding opportunities for outdoor experiences, the New Land Trust Board of Directors is looking for people interested in volunteering to serve. Please message **NLT on Facebook** or call or text **Hal Moore**, 518 – 570 – 5375.

As a non-profit organization, **financial support is greatly appreciated**. We continue to make improvements to **trails, signage, and a new roof for the barn**. We also have operating costs for **plowing, insurance, and repairs**. If you wish, you may donate via **PayPal at [www.thenewlandtrust.org](http://www.thenewlandtrust.org)** or by mail to **P.O. Box 101, Saranac, NY 12981**.

**Play it Again Sports**, Plattsburgh Plaza, will allow proceeds of your used equipment to go to NLT account, too. In addition, we are always looking for snowshoes and XC ski boots to loan.

**Mark your calendar:****13<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K/10K Cock-A-Doodle  
Snowshoe Race  
Sunday, January 19, 2025**

Don't forget these **winter hiking essentials** so you stay safe while enjoying the beautiful trails:

- \* Day pack
- \* Water and high-energy snacks
- \* First aid kit
- \* Trail map and compass/GPS
- \* Extra clothing
- \* Plastic whistle
- \* Microspikes or crampons
- \* Flashlight or headlamp (extra batteries)

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OFFICES**

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## 2025 TOWN OF SARANAC TAX NOTICE

**Collection Location:** 3492 Route 3, Saranac, NY  
**Collection days/times:** Mondays (January only) 10:00 am – 8:00 pm  
 Wednesdays (January only) 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
 Saturdays (January only) 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
 Wednesdays (Feb, Mar & Apr) 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
 US Funds Only

**Interest rates:** January 0%, February 1%, March 2%, April 3%  
**Returned Check Fee:** \$20.00 each occurrence  
**Note:** Notice of delinquent tax will be sent out around April 1<sup>st</sup>, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law. There is a charge of \$1.00 on each parcel when this notice is sent. (Payments will be returned if \$1.00 is not included.)

**Taxes may be viewed online at:** <http://egov.basgov.com/saranac>

**Make Checks Payable To:** **Mark White, Tax Collector**  
 3492 Route 3  
 PO Box 183  
 Saranac, NY 12981

**Phone: 518-293-6427**

Please remember, if paying by installment method, your **first payment MUST be paid to Mark White, Tax Collector by January 31, 2025**, and remaining installments (2,3,4) are paid to the County Treasurer. I continue to collect full payments up to April 30. Just remember to include the correct penalties. Call me if you have a question.

### SARANAC DOG CONTROL OFFICER, LOU PLANTE

All **DOG** calls are through Town of Saranac 518-293-6666, ext. 8

Please leave your **name, phone number, date and time** of your call, **address relating to the issue, and a detailed message** to describe the nature of the complaint or concern. **DO NOT** personally contact Tri-Lakes Animal Shelter.

**License Your Dogs** - State Law requires all dogs 4 months of age or older **MUST** be licensed with the Saranac Town Clerk.

**Local Law** - It shall be unlawful for any owner of any dog to permit or allow such dog to engage in habitual howling, barking, crying or whining or to conduct itself in such a manner as to unreasonably and habitually annoy or disturb any person other than the owner of the dog, regardless of whether or not the dog is on the owner's premises.

**Missing Dog** - If your dog is **missing** or you pick up a **stray**, aside from leaving a voicemail message, **posting a photo on Facebook** helps get owners and pets reunited.

### SARANAC PACK 35 CUB SCOUTS

October 19th, our Pack **camped out** at the Saranac Town Hall and earned their **Polar Badge**. This is awarded when they **camp out and the temperature is below 32**. The temperature officially registered at **29 degrees!**

Scouts prepared **food**, had fun **activities** by the campfire, and even went to Chazy Lake to **stargaze** and view the comet.



**Saranac pack 35 Cub Scouts meet Friday evenings at 6:00 pm at the Saranac Town Hall.**

**TOWN OF SARANAC**  
NYS Rt. 3 - P.O. Box 147  
Saranac, NY 12981

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## HI EVERYONE, STEVE FROM HIGHWAY:

This summer we paved a few of the Town's roads; not as much as we wanted. We paved **Nashville Road** and **Hugh Heron Rd.** In Redford we paved **Clinton, Champlain, Bridge, Elm, Maple, and Pine Streets.** We also did part of **Strackville Rd.** We utilized **shared service** with the **Town of Dannemora** and the **Town of Franklin.** Their guys came down and helped in paving our roads, and our guys did go up and pave some roads for them. We worked on **Collins Rd.**, cutting shoulders and laying down item #4 to repair the road. We worked on **Moore Rd.**, grading it and laying down item #4. We cut shoulders on some of the roads; not as many as we would have liked. We did quite a bit of ditching and a few culverts that needed to be changed.

The **sand shed is full** for the start of the snow and ice season. We are working on putting item # 4 down on our shoulders. In the Town, we are trying to get as much done as possible. It takes time.

We have **two** new **Western Star** trucks being built. The cab and chassis should be done this month. Then, they go to **Viking** to get set up with plows & sanders. Although it is unusual for us to order two trucks at once, we did this, not only due to the age of our fleet, but we expect the State to shortly mandate electric plow trucks, which would be entirely inadequate for our needs.

At this time, we are plowing and sanding our roads, keeping the roads as clear as we can from snow and ice.

Thanks for your support and please drive carefully.